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Leah in 1930, aged 19

## Pub regular Leah tots up 100 years

A "REMARKABLE" woman from Pleck, Walsall, was joined by a host of family and friends in raising a glass to toast her 100th birthday.

Widower Leah Palmer celebrated the milestone at the Parkbrook pub last Thursday (October 13), which she has visited every week for the past four years.

Walsall-born and bred Leah now lives in Primley Avenue,

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just minutes away from her childhood home in Wellington Street where she met future husband William.

Leah spent most of her working life making leather goods for Whitehouse Cox before having daughters Shirley and Janet and son Des, who have

given her seven grand-children. Shirley said that despite slight dementia and restricted mobility, her mother always had a smile on her face.

### Whisky

"Our visit to the pub is her main outing of the week and she loves it, so it was great to celebrate the day there," she said.

"She lives at home with my brother and we all chip in to look after her, but she always says

her hardworking life and a splash of whisky in her cocoa every night is the secret to her longevity.

"We are all so proud of her, she is absolutely brilliant."

Landlord of the Parkbrook, John Tolley, aged 67, said: "Leah is a dear old lady and it is fantastic to see her and her family every week. In my 29 years here I've not seen such a remarkable woman."



Leah Palmer celebrates her 100th birthday at the Parkbrook with daughters Janet Adams, left, and Shirley Worrall, son Des Palmer, back left, and sons-in-law Malcolm Adams and Terry Worrall

# JOBS DELIGHT AT POUNDLAND

**P**OUNDLAND was opening its new store in Walsall town centre today as the business celebrated record-breaking profit and turnover figures and 500 people scrambled for jobs.

The shop was opening its doors for the first time in the former TJ Hughes store but will be officially launched on Saturday by Beverley Callard – Coronation Street's Liz McDonald.

Bosses were so overwhelmed with applications, they

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conducted 120 interviews for the 20 vacancies. The launch comes as the chief executive of the Willenhall-based bargain chain, Jim McCarthy, was awarded the Grocer Cup's Outstanding Business Achievement Award at the IGD Food Industry Awards at London's Lancaster Hotel. The gong is awarded to "the individual who has inspired exceptional results in the preceding year and has made the biggest contribution to the grocery industry".

Mr McCarthy beat off rivals including Sainsbury's

boss Justin King, Waitrose MD Mark Price, Peter Blakemore, of Willenhall-based AF Blakemore, and Ranjit Singh Boparan, from West Bromwich's 2 Sisters chain.

Mr McCarthy said: "I am really thrilled to have won the award. My team are an inspiration to me and I am very proud of their achievements. Poundland is enjoying another good year.

"We have opened 29 new stores since the beginning of April, and are on target to open over 50 during the year creating 2,000 new jobs. We launched our Dealz store format in the Republic of Ireland in late September and we recently won Discount Retailer of the year. "For me, winning the Grocer Cup is the icing on the cake."

The £1-for-everything chain announced record turnover of £643 million in the 12 months to the end of March, up 25.8 per cent. Profits were up 34 per cent to £31.7m.

### Batteries

Poundland's success has seen it snapped up by Warburg Pincus, a US private equity group, in a deal valued at around £200m. The Americans' decision to keep Mr McCarthy and his team in place has been justified by the performance of the business since then.

Now the biggest single-price retailer in Europe, it opened 64 new stores last year and is opening another 50 by the end of April 2012.

Its growth has been driven by more than 3.8 million customers every week snapping up top brands for £1, from Maltesers, Warburtons bread and Maxwell House coffee to six-packs of Kodak batteries, Christmas wrapping and Halloween fancy dress.

The race for positions at the new Poundland in Park Street came as unemployment hit a 17-year high, with more than 1,000 people joining the jobless queues in Walsall in the last 12 months.

Debenhams is to have a major transformation as part of the second phase of a £30 million revamp of the Old Square Shopping Centre. The 20-year-old department store will be brought up-to-date and extended to resemble the Birmingham branch.

It was also announced this week that the first phase, creating a new Primark and Co-op, will start in April.

Councillor Mike Bird, Walsall Council's leader, said the next job was to find a new permanent home for town's central market as it would be impractical to keep the stalls in front of the glass-fronted Primark and Co-op.

## Bakery to rise again from Hollands' ashes

A BAKERY that has stood empty since the collapse of a 105-year-old Walsall firm is to be brought back to life under new management. CMS Catering, which runs The Village Bakery in Cheslyn Hay, is to take over the former home of Hollands Craft Bakery, which folded last year with the loss of 19 jobs.

The new shop will open in John Street next week under the name

Savannah Craft Bakery, with six new jobs. Staff will also man a new stall at Bescot Market each week.

CMS managing director Colin Ball said: "We already do business with customers in Walsall. We have a wholesale bakery in Cheslyn Hay and we think it's time to expand our operation into Walsall."

"It's named after my daughter, Savannah."

### Proprietors

Former TP Riley Community School pupil Mr Ball, aged 41, bought The Village Bakery from Donald Morgan 10 years ago after working there as an apprentice baker since the age of 16.

Hollands shut last December and proprietors Howard and June Smith, who also had a shop in Bloxwich and a stall at Bilton market, said they had lost their savings of more than £130,000.

## Canal's anglers will have to wait

WATERWAYS in Willenhall and Wolverhampton where more than 10,000 fish died because of contamination will not yet be restocked, despite the pollution finally dispersing.

The Wyrley & Essington Canal and the Birmingham Canal became contaminated following an arson attack last month in Ettingshall, Wolverhampton.

The Environment Agency rescued 22,000 fish and said this week that oxygen levels in the water have now returned to levels for sustaining fish.

But British Waterways said there were currently no plans to replace the fish that died.

## Victoria's blooming fine show

FLOWER arranging does not come naturally to most people – but one from Willenhall woman has won a prestige award for floristry.

Victoria Richards has taken to roses, tulips and lilies like a duck to water, and won an international award for her own personal twist on the art.

The 22-year-old, of Wolverhampton Street, showed off her flair for colours and flowers to win the medal of excellence at the World-Skills contest in London.

### Voluntary

She said: "I have always liked art. When I trained I realised that floristry is another form of art."

While training as a florist at South Staffordshire College the former pupil at Pool Hayes School worked part-time at AJ Coles, in Darwall Street, Walsall.



Willenhall flower arranger Victoria Richards with her medal of excellence

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## Man, 21, who grew cannabis is sentenced

A MAN who set up an £11,400 cannabis farm in his Walsall flat has been spared an immediate jail sentence. Judge Michael Dudley told 21-year-old Wade Knowles he was allowing him to keep his freedom because he had never been in trouble before and he was in employment.

Judge Dudley said: "You were sensible enough to come clean when these items were found and that also saves you from immediate imprisonment. You have escaped custody by a whisker."

### Interviewed

At Wolverhampton Crown Court Knowles, of Stoney Lane, Bloxwich, admitted producing cannabis. He was given a 12-month jail term, suspended for a year, carry out 300 hours' community work and pay £500 costs.

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said police found two tents containing a total of 31 cannabis plants inside the flat after they smelt the drug.

When interviewed after his arrest, Knowles told officers he was growing cannabis because "it was costing too much to buy".

## Holidaymaker dies after car accident

A RETIRED factory worker died after being involved in a road accident while on holiday abroad, an inquest in Walsall heard.

Sajawal Khan, aged 73, of Broadway North, Walsall, was a passenger in a car that hit a tree after swerving to avoid a motorcycle in Pakistan.

Mr Khan was treated for whiplash injuries. His son Naheem Sajad told the inquest at Walsall Manor Hospital last week that his father died after returning home.

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict he died as a result of an accident.

## Bosses set out stall for market

BETTER stalls could be introduced at Willenhall Market in a bid to draw in more traders and shoppers.

Walsall Council says it is looking at getting funding to improve the condition of stalls.

Market operator LSD Promotions has the contract to erect and dismantle stalls, but it is coming to an end and negotiations are under way. Meanwhile council bosses say there is a need

## Choir's tireless fundraiser dies, aged 75

A LEADING member of a Walsall musical society, who was instrumental in raising tens of thousands of pounds for good causes has died, aged 75.

Dorothy Gotsall was a stalwart of Willenhall Musical Society for 47 years and its choir secretary for 40.

Mrs Margaret O'Callaghan, president of the musical society, said: "Dorothy, with the support of her husband Norman, who died in 2010, worked tirelessly for the choir, organising its charitable fundraising and social activities, as well as ensuring the smooth running

of the day-to-day business. She was also instrumental in raising tens of thousands of pounds for West Midlands charities and will be sorely missed by us all."

### Soprano

Mrs Gotsall, who lived in Essington, near Bloxwich, leaves a daughter Helen, and son-in-law, Simon. She died on September 24.

She worked for Yale as a secretary and a soprano who cut her teeth in church and school choirs.

Mrs Gotsall joined Willenhall Musical

Society in 1964, at the same time as Mrs O'Callaghan. Mrs Gotsall also held secretarial positions at Midland Pneumatic and ABT Gibbons. She also worked part-time at Marks & Spencer.

Mrs Gotsall and her husband lived in Wednesfield before moving to Essington.

She was a member of Lane Head Methodist Church until it closed, and she then joined the congregation of Short Heath Methodist Church, in Willenhall, where her funeral was held.



Dorothy Gotsall

# Jobs saved as brass company is rescued

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MORE than 60 jobs have been saved at a long-established brass firm in Walsall after it was bought out of administration. McKechnie Brass in Middlemore Lane, Aldridge, has been sold to an as-yet unnamed new owner.

The company is the last remaining brass extrusion manufacturing firm in the country. McKechnie Brass, later Bolton Brass, was established more than 140 years ago. It plunged into administration in early summer due to mounting debts – and the future of the 62 workers at the factory was uncertain.

## Council tax fee set to remain at 2009 level

COUNCIL tax in Walsall is to be frozen for the second year running.

Walsall Council is getting £2.7 million from the Government to make the freeze possible. The money is the equivalent of a 2.5 per cent increase.

It means the bill for the average Band D home in the borough will remain at £1,531 for 2012/13.

Council leader Mike Bird said: "We will be recommending a zero per cent increase in council tax. We will be accepting the grant from the Government. I think it would be irresponsible for us to increase council tax when there is an offer there for £2.7 million."

### Families

"Any increase would be seen as wrong in the eyes of the electorate."

Most houses in the borough, a total of 48,257, are in Band A and will see their council tax remain at £1,021.

The council tax for Band B homes in Walsall will remain at £1,191, Band C £1,361, Band E £1,872, F £2,212, G £2,553 and H £3,063.

Walsall Council is currently trying to save £65m over three years and is facing job losses of more than 400.

Council Bird added: "This will helpfully help out a lot of Walsall families at a time when they need it most."

### Renamed

It produces brass rods and profiles for products including pins for plugs, door locks, padlocks, and overhead conductive wire for the rail industry. McKechnie also serves the construction, electronics, power generation and telecommunication industries.

It has an annual turnover of around £14 million and yearly production of 4,000 tons.

In 2010, Bolton Brass was bought by businessmen Nick Harrison and Peter Brown, who renamed it McKechnie Brass – its original name in 1871 when the McKechnie brothers launched the firm.

The company pioneered the extrusion of brass and copper alloys.

## Pretty Bricks pub to keep its name

A WALSALL pub which was the birthplace of the town's Campaign for Real Ale group more than 40 years ago, is to re-open next Thursday.

Following a poll of pub-goers and ale fans, The Pretty Bricks, John Street, will reopen under that same name.

Workmen have been refurbishing the pub, which has been taken over by Gornal brewery Black Country Ales.

Licencee Kim Langford aims to serve eight real ales at the pub, which is known for its ornate brickwork. It was formerly the New Inn and later the Tap & Spile.

## Workouts to control diabetes



Instructors Jennie Steane, left, and Richard Upton, from Physical Activity for Cardiac Enhancement give advice on exercise to Balbinder Kaur

DIABETICS in Walsall are invited to take part in exercise sessions to help them control their condition.

The sessions take place in Palfrey, Bloxwich, Shelfield, Walsall Wood, Central Walsall, Willenhall, and Darlaston.

### Enjoyable

Run by Walsall Council's sport and leisure development services team, the Physical Activity for Cardiac Enhancement (PACE) group is tailored specifically for people with risk

factors like diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

It is being supported by funding from NHS Walsall and Sport England's community investment fund.

There are more than 15,000 people in Walsall with diabetes and with a higher risk of cardio-vascular disease, it is estimated.

Council spokesman Joe Holding said: "The sessions are an excellent opportunity for people to exercise in a safe and enjoyable environment."

For more details, call 01902 605500.

## Delight as Castings plc growth on target

THE £5 million expansion of a Walsall manufacturing firm, which is poised to create 145 jobs, is due to be completed by the end of the year.

Bosses at Castings Plc say plans are on track to finish the first phase of the revamp. Work to level the ground and lay the foundations is due to be completed in the next couple of weeks, ready for builders to get started on the new main warehouse.

Orders have already been placed for new machinery, which will create jobs for operatives and skilled workers.

David Gawthorpe, chief executive of the company, which produces iron castings for the truck and automotive industries, said: "We are hoping to meet our deadlines. Fifty per cent of the build was levelling the site and putting the foundations in. The actual erection side is relatively straightforward and will be quite quick."

The warehouse is being built next to the firm's headquarters in Lichfield Road, Brownhills.

### Permission

Mr Gawthorpe added: "We are happy with how things are going. It is moving in the right direction."

"We are investing in equipment and have just ordered more machines."

He said the extra room would allow the company to clear stock in its machine shop, where the iron castings are finished, and create space for new machines.

The firm, founded around 150 years ago, was given permission for its expansion plans in June.

It employs more than 1,000 people at its headquarters in Brownhills, and at Fradley Park, Lichfield. It also runs the William Lee foundry at Dronfield, north Derbyshire.

The company was hit hard during the recession and axed 350 workers in 2009.

## Injured worker is airlifted to hospital

AMAN had to be airlifted to hospital after badly injuring his arm in a grinding machine at an industrial estate in Willenhall.

The man was injured at a unit on the Owen Road Industrial Estate.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Chris Kowalik said: "A man in his 30s suffered a cut to his arm while using a grinding machine."

"Crews at the scene stemmed the arterial bleed to his left arm. They gave him pain relief before flying him to the awaiting trauma team at Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham."

Two rapid response vehicles were needed at the scene.

## Police speed blitz

POLICE have stepped up patrols on a busy road in a Walsall neighbourhood after continuous complaints of speeding.

Officers say residents living around Darlaston Road in Pleck have reported drivers hurtling along and are worried about possible accidents.

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## MP Vaz fights to save boffins

A WALSALL MP has urged the Government to "rethink" the closure of a forensics service in Birmingham that helped trap Soham killer Ian Huntley.

Labour's Valerie Vaz fears the move could spell the loss of scientific expertise and have a negative impact on the pursuit of justice.

The Forensic Science Service, based at Birmingham Business Park, analyses evi-

dence from crime scenes in England and Wales, but has been losing around £2 million a month.

It employs 1,600 people and analyses more than 120,000 cases each year.

### Implications

In December last year, the Government announced it be wound up by March 2012.

"The Forensic Science Service has already closed

three sites with a loss of 600 experts," said the Walsall South MP.

"This closure risks a loss of the expert witness as the service closes which could have an impact on the criminal justice system," she added. She says it raises concerns about the implications for the criminal justice system.

Ms Vaz has tabled a Commons motion demanding a halt to the closure.

## Loan offer helps firm expand

Council in conjunction with the BCBS in July 2011.

Service 2000 Ltd has factory units in Pool Street and Garden Street applied for the loan to help finance its domestic appliance repair trade.

### Turnover

It also has a newly formed business which specialises in bespoke kitchen furniture.

Paul Carpenter, of Service 2000, said: "We saw there was a

gap in the market when it came to bespoke kitchens and wanted to focus our enthusiasm for the development of that side."

The company now employs more than 40 people, and increased its turnover from £300,000 in 2003 to £3 million.

Mr Carpenter added: "The fund has enabled us to project that enthusiasm and determination we all have at Service 2000 Ltd into the new side of the business."

## Strike fear forces LG Arena to move show

AN ANNUAL concert featuring hundreds of schoolchildren from Walsall, Sandwell and Staffordshire has been disrupted by a planned public sector workers' strike.

Young Voices event, which this year will also feature Streetly singing sensation Connie Talbot, was due to take place at the LG Arena, Birmingham, over three days from November 29 to December 1.

But the concert that was due to take place on Wednesday, November 30, has now been switched to Monday, November 28, due to the planned action that could see schools closed for the day.

Union Unison has balloted 1.1 million members about a one-day strike over Government plans to make public sector workers pay more for their pensions and to work beyond current pension age.

Other unions are also balloting workers, raising the prospect of a strike involving millions of workers including council officials and fire-fighters that will be potentially the biggest since the 1926 General Strike.

### Talent

Now in its 15th year, Young Voices gives pupils the chance to sing in a choir with top artists. Past performers have included Joss Stone, Alexandra Burke and Katherine Jenkins.

Up to 8,000 children form the choir at each concert. Parents and friends pay £18 a ticket for the privilege of watching their youngsters perform.

Connie became an overnight star after she appeared on Britain's Got Talent in 2007.

Hudson PR, which represents Young Voices, said: "The vast majority of schools that have contacted us are clearly worried about the uncertainty of the impending industrial strike action scheduled for Wednesday, November 30."

"All tickets for the 30th will now be printed for the 28th."

## Race gang batter youth at bus stop

A TEENAGER was butted, punched and kicked after being ambushed by a gang while waiting for a bus in Walsall.

The 16 year-old was in Lichfield Road, Rushall, near the Mellish Road junction, when he was approached by six white youths aged 17 or 18.

He was racially abused before being butted, punched and kicked in the face and body at around 5.20pm on Sunday, September 18.

### Hospital

Sgt Verity Evans, appealing for witnesses, said: "It was an unprovoked, brutal attack which we believe may have been racially led."

"The teenager was subject to a ferocious assault which could have led to more serious injuries. The victim had to receive hospital treatment and is still understandably shaken."

## Takeaway go-ahead

A HOT food takeaway and restaurant has received planning permission from Walsall councillors to open in place of a former butcher's shop in Blakenall Heath.

## Triumph for protesters over school

EDUCATION bosses in Walsall have ditched plans to extend an Aldridge school.

Seroo wanted to expand Leighwood Primary to cope with a predicted influx of pupils over the seven years.

The planned expansion would have increased the roll by more than 100, but the plans have now been ditched after a campaign by parents and residents, who raised concerns about the impact on the school's operations and on neighbouring homes.

### Cabinet

Parents were informed of the decision in a newsletter from new head Duncan Spiers last week.

Cabinet member for children's services Councillor Rachel Andrew said: "A number of concerns were raised during our initial consultation and we have decided, in discussion with the school, not to proceed."

The move was welcomed by mother-of-three Corrie Halford, aged 36, who collected 322 signatures for a protest petition.

She said: "We have won our fight and I am delighted."

"It just proves that it is always worth taking a stand against things that are unjust. Many people told me that I was wasting my time."

"I'm glad that the council listened."

## Display of photos by globetrotters

ALDRIDGE Photographic Society goes travelling the globe tonight (Thursday) when three members show their travels in America and the Far East.

Ann and David Galbraith have been to the USA, photographing Seattle, in Washington, and travelling up the Pacific coast to the Canadian border.

Tom Swallow will be talking about his journey to Tibet, Nepal and the Himalayas, showing photographs of this area of Everest.

Everyone will be welcome at 8pm in the Aldridge Community Centre, Mid-dlemore Lane, Aldridge. Call 01922 685087 for more details.

## Fire crews host open day

FIREFIGHTERS throw open the doors of Aldridge fire station this Saturday to put on a day of entertainment and education for families.

The event has a safety theme and will offer information and advice on how to stay safe with Diwali, Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night fast approaching.

Crews will demonstrate how they

free victims of car crashes who are trapped, and tackle chip pan fires.

Firefighters will also be speaking to visitors about fire safety in the home and will be taking bookings for free home safety checks at properties in Walsall.

Community organisations and charities will host information stalls and displays from 11am to 4pm.



Tireless fighter - Eileen Pitt

## Lunchtime recital by organ maestro

A LUNCHTIME organ recital will be held in Walsall next month.

The recital, at Walsall Town Hall, in Leicester Street, at 1pm on November 17, will see organist Peter Morris entertain the audience.

The town hall organ is one of the largest and most versatile instruments in the country. It was conceived as a memorial to Queen Victoria and as a monument of civic pride, and was built in 1908 by Walsall's Nicholson & Lord. Admission costs £2.

### Missed

Walsall Council's Tory leader, Councillor Mike Bird, said: "Eileen served this council and the people of Walsall for 30 years. There was nobody as loyal and as dedicated."

"She was in very ill health towards the end of her life and will be sadly missed by all her knew her. She was a very dear friend to me."

At the time of stepping down from her role as councillor in May this year, Mrs Pitt said: "I have loved fighting for Short Heath as part of the Liberal Democrat Focus team along with my fellow councillors Doreen Shires and John Cook. I have taken pride in our many achievements."

Walsall Council's cabinet paid tribute to Mrs Pitt at their meeting last Wednesday.

## Volunteers unite

VOLUNTARY and community sector groups in Walsall meet next month to look at ways of working together better.

The event takes place at Beechdale Lifelong Learning Centre, in Stephenson Square, on November 8 from 9.30am to 2pm. Stands and exhibitions will demonstrate services.

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# Eileen the people's champion mourned

## Half-term fun set to take off



Chloe Morgan and David Wanjala, both 12, get in shape for the fun week

A WHOLE load of sports and games will be on the cards for schoolchildren in Willenhall in the half term break.

Activities including gymnastics, football, tennis, dance, golf, cricket and swimming are scheduled to be held at a fun week from October 24 at Willenhall School Leisure & Community Centre.

### Suitable

Parents are urged to sign up their children for two or four days at the Furzebank Way centre.

It is for boys and girls, aged eight to

12. The cost is £15 for two days or £25 for four days. Sessions will be led by qualified coaches and the children will be supervised at all times.

Participants will need to take a packed lunch, snacks and drinks for the sessions which will run from 10am to 3pm. They also need suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor sessions.

There are also plans for an outing day on October 28 at the end of the activity week.

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# Mother's £22,700 benefit fraud £400k revamp of multi-storey

A MOTHER of five who was overpaid welfare benefits of more than £22,700 has been ordered to do 200 hours unpaid work by Walsall magistrates.

Sarah Newell, aged 31, was convicted of three counts of making a false statement following a trial last month.

She was found guilty of swindling £22,763 in benefits after falsely claiming her partner had moved out of her home, in

Mulberry Road, Dudley Fields, Bloxwich.

But he was still living there and she had two of his children during the time of the fraud.

## Sleeping

Mrs Kerry Munro prosecuting on behalf of Walsall Council, said Newell said Christopher Box had moved out of her home between June 2006 and March 2010, but he still slept at the

address three times a week. She said he was not living there, simply sleeping on the sofa occasionally.

Newell claimed council tax benefit and housing benefit.

In mitigation, Mr Lewis Perry said: "She didn't fully appreciate the consequences of having Mr Box staying there."

Newell was given a jail term of 26 weeks, suspended for a year, and told to pay £400 costs.

WORK on a £400,000 scheme to improve a Walsall town centre car park is now under way.

Repairs to the roof and concrete at Hatherton Road multi-storey is to take two months. There have been problems with debris falling on cars, and there has been a slump in use since the nearby Tesco opened.

A review by a parking working group showed revenue has dropped by around £8,000 a

month since the supermarket launched last December.

Transport chief Councillor Tom Ansell said: "We're investing a total of £400,000 in the future of the car park."

## Waterproof

"We're treating the roof to lay down a new waterproof membrane and we're carrying out a few internal repairs to the concrete. We started in early Octob-

er and this is likely to take around eight weeks to complete."

The Hatherton Road car park used to generate £10,000 a month but a review said it had dropped to £2,000.

In a bid to encourage visitors to the town, council chiefs reduced the price of four-hour stays by £1 to £2.80 during a three-month trial. Daily fees on car parks in the town are also being cut from £5 to £3 as part of the trial due to start next month.

# Big drop in number of hospital car park fines

THE number of parking fines at Walsall Manor Hospital has dropped by almost two-thirds in just three months, latest figures reveal.

Health chiefs say new car parks which opened during the summer have made it easier for patients and visitors to park in the grounds. In June a total of 121 fines were handed out to motorists, with 69 in July and 44 in August.

The £30 penalty notices are given to motorists for infringements such as blocking ambulance zones and causing an obstruction. Those who pay within 14 days see the fee cut to £15.

Bosses opened up two new parking areas with a combined 450 spaces at the start of June. They insist fines are only issued when necessary and spaces are now better placed.

Robert Wilson, facilities manager at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "The total number of car parking fines issued on the Manor Hospital site has significantly reduced over the past three months."

## Pressure

"During the phases of the new hospital redevelopment, car parking availability for both staff and patients at the hospital was, at times, under pressure and since the opening of the new car parks this has lessened significantly."

"Car parking fines are only issued on our hospital site when it's absolutely necessary and for the following reasons – for example, when a vehicle is parking in an inappropriate location on the hospital site, or is parked in the 'red zone' which is for ambulance drop off or parking only."

"With the two new car parks being located close to all main entrances to the hospital, they provide much more accessible and convenient car parking for patients and visitors."

A total of 2,191 tickets were given to drivers from April 2010 until the end of May 2011. Of those, 1,199 were paid, 656 were appealed and 336 ended up being rescinded.

# Garage plans set to be approved

MAJOR plans to refurbish nine industrial units and change the use of one of them into a vehicle repair and MOT station are set to be approved by Walsall Council's planning committee.

The plans to overhaul the units at Alvar Business Park in Straight Road, Willenhall, were due to be discussed by councillors at the committee meeting.

The project includes providing 78 car parking spaces on the site, and two people have objected to the proposal.

Case officer Devinder Matharu, said: "The proposal would enable a vacant unit to be occupied, which would assist in the economic viability of the area."

## Cultivated Katherine

A FORMER Walsall pupil was named top student after graduating from the Royal Agricultural College. Katherine Meacham achieved a first class BSc degree in agriculture.

The 28-year-old former Queen Mary's High student is now studying crop science in Australia.

# Investors look at scheme for derelict pub

A DERELICT Walsall pub that has become a magnet for vandals and fly-tippers is poised to be brought back to life as an investor plans its transformation.

Residents and councillors have been campaigning for the Four Crosses pub, in Leamore, to be demolished. But Walsall Council planning officers have met agents acting on behalf of a potential investor who is looking to submit a planning application for the site.

David Elsworth, head of planning and building control, said: "Planning officers have met agents acting for a potential investor who may submit a planning application for the site."

## Demolish

"In the meantime we continue to work to ensure the site is secure."

Calls were made last month to demolish the building following concerns about vandalism and fly-tipping.

Christine Shaw, aged 63, of Leamore Lane, said the pub, at the junction with Somerfield Road had become a target for anti-social behaviour.

Rats had been seen scurrying from the site into gardens.

She added that the pub closed two years ago after a period as a restaurant, and that since then it had just been "left to rot".

# Guest authors at reading group

GUEST authors Miranda Dickinson and Orlando Wysocki will be at at Bookmark Bloxwich on November 24 for a readers' group.

Dickinson recently published her third novel, *It Started With A Kiss* while her first book, *Fairytale of New York* was a Sunday Times bestseller, and Wysocki has just published his first novel *The Cleaving of Paycock's*.

Sonia Dixon, adult library services co-ordinator, said: "Reading groups are a great way for like-minded people to come together and share their favourite books."

Details about Walsall's reading groups can be found by logging on to [www.walsall.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.walsall.gov.uk/libraries)

## Orienteering event

FAMILIES can learn how to use a map and a compass to explore a Walsall nature reserve next week.

The Family Orienteering event is at Shire Oak Local Nature Reserve on Tuesday, October 25, at 2pm.

Any more experienced navigators can be given more difficult routes if they are up for the challenge. The event is free, and advance booking is essential on 0845 111 2900.

# Sporting chance for fitness at academy

YOUNGSTERS at an academy in Walsall are celebrating the opening of its new multi-million-pound sports facility. It is the first phase in the redevelopment of Sheffield Community Academy which has attracted £23 million in Government funding.

The completion of the facilities, which include new artificial pitches, a sports hall, and a fitness suite, will be followed by more building work scheduled to end next year.

The school in Broad Way, Sheffield, which has specialist sports status, was awarded money from the Academies Programme fund for the ambitious project.

The state-of-the-art facilities are open to the townsfolk of Walsall to use, as well as to staff and pupils.

Shelfield Community Academy's assistant principal, Russ Nicholson, said last week: "We're delighted to have officially opened our fantastic new sports facilities, which position us as a centre of excellence for sports provision."

## Primary

"We're a community academy so these will benefit both students and the community, encouraging more people in the area to get fit and active." The school hosted a visit by

Prince Harry in 2004 when he helped to run rugby coaching sessions with pupils and its feeder primary schools.

He was only supposed to spend a day, but enjoyed himself so much he returned six days later, and also ate school dinner alongside pupils.

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A teenage pupil puts in some miles at the new fitness centre



The gleaming floor of the dance studio at Sheffield Community Academy



Pupils, left to right, Roya Tolley, Shaun Cooper, Danielle Hitchen, and Ryan Timms check out the exciting new sports facilities at Sheffield Community Academy



A view of the large new artificial pitches at Sheffield

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# Homes and allotments planned Custody for banned driver

HOUSES, allotments, playing fields and a youth centre could be created in a village near Walsall under major new plans.

The development has been earmarked for land off Hobnock Road, Essington, by Jack Moody Ltd, of Sharnhall.

Bosses have yet to submit plans, but public consultation is due in the next few weeks.

Also included in the plans for the 27-acre site are retirement

bungalows, affordable housing and a car park.

A spokeswoman for Jack Moody Ltd said: "The company owns a significant area of white land on the edge of Essington village which is not green belt, having previously been considered by Staffordshire County Council as suitable for development."

Much-needed affordable housing and retirement bungalows, allotments, playing facilities, youth centre and a car park to alleviate congestion problems on Hobnock Road associated with the local school would also be included.

Bellway Construction is also planning to build 25 houses on land previously used for grazing, also off Hobnock Road.

Last month, more than 100 people viewed draft drawings of that scheme.

A BANNED Walsall driver who disobeyed the conditions of his suspended prison sentence is now behind bars.

Derrick Muhia, admitted taking a motor vehicle without consent, driving without insurance and a licence, and breaching an order at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

The 20-year-old was locked up for six months last week by Judge Nicholas Webb, who said he had been given a

golden opportunity when he received a suspended prison sentence coupled with 150 hours community service for previous motoring offences.

## Stupidity

"You were told of the consequences if you breached those orders," said Judge Webb.

"You were given a chance and you did not take it."

It was the fourth time, the judge added, that Muhia had

breached the orders and he concluded: "You have blown it."

Muhia, of Kegan Walk, Bentley, must serve his sentence in a Young Offenders Institution. He was further banned from driving for a year.

Mr Lewis Perry, defending, told the court that Muhia accepted he had made a number of "silly decisions", and added: "He knows his stupidity has put him in jeopardy."

# Crem fees to increase twice in two years

BURIAL and cremation fees are poised to rise twice in Walsall, bringing in an extra £60,000 for the cash-strapped council in just 12 months.

The increase of just under £16 for cremations and £46 for burials from April 1 in efforts to boost income by an extra £200,000 over three years.

Following a three per cent rise for 2012-13, another increase of 3.25 per cent in 2013-14 is set to bring in an additional £65,000.

Walsall Council chiefs insist the increases are to maintain high standards, and follow a £1.5m investment in Streety Crematorium.

In January this year, the authority raised burial charges to £1,537, which will rise to £1,583 from April 1, 2012.

For a cremation, it currently costs £556, which is expected to rise to £572 from next year. The cost of a grave for cremated remains now stands at £845.

Leisure chief Councillor Anthony Harris defended the new charges.

## Commitment

He said: "It is important that we continue to offer a high quality service to our bereaved residents and we have outlined our commitment through significant investment over recent years."

"Streety Crematorium has undergone extensive refurbishment and additional parking is also being implemented at a cost of around £1.5m."

"An annual review of fees and charges is an important part of the process in ensuring we maintain the high service standards we have set and the new proposed charges to be implemented over the next three years will enable us to do this."

A new car park at Streety Crematorium is scheduled to open in December, creating an extra 20 spaces.

New cremators have also been installed.

# Business meeting hailed a success

WALSALL Business Forum has been hailed a success after returning through popular demand to host a meeting at the town's college.

It is designed to give company chiefs the chance to get together and receive advice and took place at the college's Jerome Restaurant last week.

It has been set up through a partnership between Walsall College, The Black Country Chamber of Commerce, Walsall Business Parks and HCB Solicitors in Walsall.

## Valuable

Sue Cyster, Walsall Business Parks co-ordinator said: "The forums have been a success and provide a one stop shop of valuable information to help local people manage their businesses."

"Informal sessions provide people with the opportunity to make new contacts and share best practice over a hot supper."

# Shop looting charge

A WALSALL man accused of looting shops in Birmingham and Wolverhampton during the August riots has appeared before magistrates.

Kofi Addo, 21, of Tantara Street, Chucky, faced two counts of burglary, and Birmingham magistrates bailed him to December 7.

# Two years for teenager who mugged girl

A WALSALL teenager has begun a two-year sentence in youth custody for attacking two teenage girls near the Arboretum.

Aqeel Khan, 18, of Eastbourne Street, was sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court for robbery and attempted theft.

The girls aged 15 and 17 were waiting for a bus in Lichfield Road around 7pm on April 29 when they were approached by Khan and another male. Khan assaulted one girl before stealing her mobile phone and tried to take the other girl's, but she fought back.

## Message

The girls were not seriously injured but were left shaken and traumatised by the incident.

Khan was found guilty of robbery and one attempted theft from person and now begins a two-year jail term.

De Pindi Matharu, the investigating officer for Walsall police, said: "These crimes are very rare and we are pleased with the sentencing outcome. To target two teenage girls is an appalling crime and we would like to commend the teenage girls for their bravery."

"We hope this sentence sends a message that we will investigate incidents of this nature and will use the full extent of the law to catch and bring to justice these offenders."

# Company plans to expand business

A CAR WASH service is hoping to extend its premises in Willenhall under plans lodged with Walsall Council.

Talbot Truck & Trailer Company, in Bilston Lane, has applied for planning permission to build the extension to allow for Sunday trading.

A recent application for the business to operate on Sundays was refused but an appeal has gone in to the Planning Inspectorate. The proposal involves constructing an internal wall which is expected to prevent any spray being blown towards the road.

The car wash currently operates between 9am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

# Ryan on target in America

GREAT Barr's Paralympics hopeful, Ryan Cockbill, has won silver and bronze medals at an event in the USA.

The 21-year-old arrived home from the World Shooting Championship held in Columbus, Georgia, with individual bronze and team silver.

Tickets are still on sale for a fundraising ball next week to send Ryan to a shooting competition in Australia next month. He was left paralysed from the

# Calls to extend free parking in town centre

SCRAPPING Remembrance Sunday parking charges in Walsall have been welcomed – and prompted renewed calls for the weekend fee to be permanently axed.

Bosses at Walsall Council have agreed to waive fees at its car parks on Sunday, November 13, when townsfolk pay their respects to the fallen of two world wars.

There was a backlash when scores of people, including war veterans, were hit with £25 fines on Poppy Day two years ago. Many people complained they were unaware that Sunday charges were in place when the penalty tickets were issued to drivers after coming into force just two months beforehand.

# Fencing to be put up in bid to deter vandals

A LARGE area of heathland on Walsall's outskirts which is home to rare plants and animals is to be protected, with steel fencing to keep out vandals.

The popular beauty spot is part of Chasewater Country Park, north of Brownhills.

The move extends the protected area of countryside by a further 180 hectares and means more of Chasewater's heathland, fens and swamps are protected by law.

## Straying

Funding from Natural England pays for a team from Lichfield District Council to encourage the restoration of heathland through careful land management, including grazing some areas with cattle.

The council has successfully grazed two areas of Chasewater for five years. However, yobs vandalised some of the fencing which keeps the cattle from straying.

The council says without cows on site to maintain the acid grassland and eat the tree saplings each year, the team has to manually cut and collect this vegetation, which is expensive and less effective.

part of a working group looking at parking charges in the town, has backed the decision to scrap the charges this year, but insists that should then be extended to all weekends.

"It is the right thing to do on Remembrance Sunday – it is a poignant day and very important people pay their respects," he said.

"But we should go further and scrap all Sunday parking charges. We want to see our town buzzing and it should be free on a Sunday."

It is the second year that council chiefs have agreed to waive charges on Remembrance Sunday.

## Distraction

Council leader Mike Bird said: "We will not be charging people to park at all Walsall Council-owned car parks throughout the day on Remembrance Sunday which falls on November 13 this year."

"We took the decision last year as it is a day like no other in significance and meaning and feel it is right and proper to do the same thing this year."

"People will be focused on paying their respects on this important day and remembering heroes past and present and do not need the distraction of car parking charges."

Karen Cliff, who is Poppy Appeal organiser in Pelsall and is setting up a new branch of the Royal British Legion, also said that she supported the decision.

The introduction of Sunday parking charges has generated around £50,000 since September 2009.

Transport chiefs say income ensures the cost of providing car parking facilities.

# Neighbourhood meeting

A NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch meeting will be held at St John's Church, Scarbrough Road, Alumwell, Walsall, at 7.30pm next Tuesday, October 25.

# Quilters are quite something



Betty Tomlinson, June Foster and Jill Dines, of Walsall Patchwork and Quilters

SOME of life's treasures were displayed when Walsall Patchwork and Quilters hosted an exhibition.

An array of colourful handmade quilts designed by members ent on show at St Michael's Church, Leigh Road, Rushall last Saturday.

The exhibits based on the theme of treasures, were on display inside the church for the first time.

Betty Tomlinson, of the group, said: "We would like to see as many people as possible come along. There will be around 100 quilts."

Doors will be open from 10.30am to 4.30pm and admission is £2. Proceeds from the show previously held at Broadway United Reformed Church will go to Walsall branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society.

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ADOG owner who failed to take his puppy to a vet after it was hit by a car has been banned from keeping dogs for three years by Walsall magistrates.

Giles Campbell, aged 41, left his Staffordshire bull terrier in agony with two fractured bones because, he claimed, he did not have enough money for a taxi ride to a free clinic in Wolverhampton.

Campbell, of Wolverhampton Street, Walsall, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to an animal.

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting, said four-month-old Tiger, was "whining and crying" with a swollen front leg after she was hit by the car while being looked after by a friend.

"The dog was very subdued. She had fractures in both the radius and the ulna bones and it was described as an unstable fracture where bones ride over each other.

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"The vet estimated that the fractures had been present for at least five to seven days. It would have been clear to anyone that there were serious issues and immediate vet attention should be sought."

Mr Ifran Mohammed, defending, said Campbell had hoped the dog had just suffered a sprain, and bound up the swollen leg for the night.

Campbell took the animal to a private vet in Darlaston, but was advised to take the dog immediately to a free clinic in Wolverhampton. But he did not have enough money to get to Wolverhampton, Mr Mohammed added.

District Judge Michael Morris gave him a 12-month supervision order, made him sign the dog over to the RSPCA, and told him to pay £750 compensation to the RSPCA for boarding costs.

**Blitz on mini-motos**

POLICE patrols are being stepped up following complaints about youngsters causing a racket with off road motorbikes in Doe Bank and Chapel Lane, Walsall.

**War dead relative's plea****Brett Lawrence at his soldier great-uncle's grave in northern France**

THE GREAT nephew of a Walsall soldier killed in the First World War is trying to track down family members in the town.

Last month Brett Lawrence, who now lives in Hinckley, Leicestershire, visited the grave of his great-uncle.

**Hospital**

Bret Lawrence, Trooper 3503 of the FirstLife Guards, was killed on May 19, 1918, aged 27. He was buried in the military cemetery in Etaples, northern France.

Internet records show he had been shot and wounded, and cemetery files state he was then killed in a German bombing raid on Etaples military hospital, along with 41 other British Army personnel.

Census records reveal that Walsall born and bred Bret Lawrence lived in Bloxwich Road from 1890 until at least 1911.

His parents were James and Margaret Lawrence - and, coincidentally, his great-nephew is now also married to a Margaret.

He had three brothers - Percy, Syd and Ernest and four sisters, Carrie, Ethel, Jane and Myra.

Mr Lawrence, aged 71, said: "It was very emotional to see the grave and it has inspired me to further the search for any family members or relatives still alive today."

"The last contact I had was with Syd, who lived in Jesson Close, in Walsall, in 1968."

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## Well-read Saddlers

YOUNGSTERS at a Walsall school were treated to a visit from two Saddlers players as part of Children's Book Week.

Anton Peterlin and Claude Gnaka talked about their favourite reads with pupils at Moorcroft Wood Primary in Darlaston. They took questions from Year 5 and 6 pupils ranging from what it was like playing in front of a big crowd to how many goals they have scored.

### Important

American midfielder Peterlin said: "The biggest benefit for the kids was to see that even though we're footballers, we still read. It is so important."

"To see the kids today have so much knowledge on books and enjoy reading is a massive boost."

Head Andy Nicholls said: "It was super to have the players in."

## Mobility aids alert by MP

WALSALL South MP Valerie Vaz is supporting a campaign led by the Office of Fair Trading warning about rogue traders in mobility aids.

She said mobility aids could improve the lives of the elderly and disabled but urged they be aware of the risks from door-to-door selling techniques.

# Shadow over solar power bus shelters

PLANS for solar powered bus stops, more car sharing lanes and walking schemes have been sent back to transport chiefs in the West Midlands for a rethink after the Government said they were too expensive.

Centro had applied for £41.8 million and will put a further £12.4m of the region's taxpayers' money into the project. The Department for Transport is interested in the proposals and has taken them through to the next stage, but has told Centro officers to make them cheaper.

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Its bid includes plans to ask for £2m from councils through Section 106 agreements, where developers who seek planning permission pay for transport improvements.

Money will be used to advertise journey planners by sending emails and texts to bus passengers, as well as mail to homes within half a mile of a major road.

Bosses want to make areas of the Black Country more accessible, focussing on the centres of Walsall, Bilston, Wolverhampton, Sandwell, Dudley and the A41 Black Country New Road.

The Government is making £560m available all over the country for "green" transport schemes.

### Original

Centro spokesman Steve Swinger said: "The DfT clearly sees potential in our proposals and has not given us a guideline figure on what the cost of our bid should be."

"Rather, and together with virtually every other bidder in the country, we have been asked to make our original submission smaller."

"As a result, we are now in the process of prioritising which of the proposed 14 corridors have the best potential for meeting the Government's objectives of supporting economic growth and reducing carbon."

## Handy John's farewell



John Lally at his surprise party with Acorns colleagues Joy Snee, Liz Knight and Hazel Hardiman

THE longest-serving employee at Acorns Children's Hospice was showered with gifts at his surprise retirement party.

John Lally, aged 65, has stepped down as head of maintenance at the hospice in Walstead Road, Walsall, after 12 years.

Mr Lally, of Penn, Wolverhampton, said: "It's the spirit of the place that's kept me here. It's not a job, more like a way of life."

"The send-off was incredible. I was gobsmacked at the surprise party."

Ann Smallman, head of care, said: "John's a very warm, welcoming, genuine man who's always gone that extra mile."

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# Hospice has Marie smiling once more

**L**IVING with cancer and coping with its treatments is traumatic enough for anyone, but when you feel like the illness has left you no longer in control of your own life, the ordeal can become simply too much to deal with.

This was certainly the case for 35-year-old Walsall woman Marie Simkins, who hoped she had beaten breast cancer after being diagnosed last year, only to discover the disease had returned in March.

Intensive courses of chemotherapy and radiotherapy followed, leaving her physically and emotionally drained – and this was made worse by having to deal with a number of different health professionals, none of whom she felt was taking control of her situation.

"I was having to speak to so many different people and explain the same things time and time again, yet no one person was taking the lead and threading it all together," recalls Marie, who lives in Chestnut Road, Leamore, with her partner Andrew Halls.

"I really felt like I was coming to the end of my tether. I was experiencing every negative emotion you can think of and I needed a light at the end of the tunnel – something that would help me get my head back together, let me feel normal again and give my family a bit of a break."

It was at this point that Marie was told about St Giles Walsall Hospice, and within days the leading local charity had arranged for

For Britain's first Hospice Care Week, Walsall Council worker Marie tells how she was in the darkest depths of despair until St Giles Walsall Hospice turned her life around in the space of a few days.

her to spend some time at the new in-patient facility in Goscote to help control her symptoms.

Despite some initial misgivings about what it meant to be cared for by a hospice, the Walsall Council worker was admitted to the centre on October 3 – and she hasn't looked back since.

"I'll admit I was a bit nervous about the whole thing, and thought about the stigma attached to the word 'hospice'," Marie explains.

"I wondered what it meant to come to a hospice and some of my family were thinking that I'd be coming in here and not coming out again."

## Discovered

"But as soon as I walked through the door of St Giles Walsall Hospice, I knew I was in the right place, and that the people here would look after me. I have come from the darkest depths you can possibly imagine and now it feels like I'm floating on air."

"The staff and volunteers here have made me feel like a human being again. They're helping me get my life back and after only a few days, I'm already feeling uplifted."

"I can't describe how happy I am to have dis-

covered St Giles because now I know I will always have somewhere to turn."

Britain's first Hospice Care Week, which ended last Friday, aimed not just to celebrate the work of hospices around the country, but also to educate people about the care they provide.

For Marie, her brief stay at St Giles Walsall Hospice has been 'an education' about what hospice care really means – and she now feels confident that, following her stay, she will return home a much happier and more positive person.

"Being here has completely turned my thinking around about what hospices are about. I've learnt that they're here to help you live your life, and they're not just places you go to end your days."

"It sounds strange, but my time here has been fun and it feels like I'm on holiday from my illnesses. Not only that, but my family have been relieved of stress and I know they are all feeling better about everything."

"For me, it's not the end of the world anymore. I'm getting my life back and becoming the person I used to be again – and that was the one thing I was most terrified of losing."

That Marie can enjoy respite care close to home at St Giles Walsall is also a bonus for her and her family. Before it opened in April, they would have had to travel more than 12 miles to St Giles Compassus Centre in Whittington, near Lichfield – not ideal for her relatives.

"It's phenomenal that we have this facility on our doorsteps – in fact, it's just down the



Marie Simkins (right) with St Giles Walsall Hospice Staff Nurse Vicky Wint

road from where we live," Marie adds. I was a bit worried about where I might have to go because my family can't all drive, but because I'm so close, it's easy for them to visit me. They can come and go whenever they like and it's like a home from home."

As well as praising staff and volunteers at St Giles, Marie is keen to show her gratitude to colleagues in the finance section of Walsall Council, where she works as an administrator.

"The people who I work with have been fantastic in the care and support they have given me through this journey," she says.

To mark Hospice Care Week, St Giles Walsall Hospice asked local people what hospice care means to them – in just one word. 'Choice', 'life', 'laughter', 'friends' and 'home' are among the thought-provoking words that people have already sent in.

A gallery of words is being shared on the photo-sharing site Flickr, and users of Twitter are urged to tweet their chosen word followed by the hashtag #hospicecareweek.

Further information about Hospice Care Week and the One Word Challenge is available by visiting [www.be-surprised.org.uk](http://www.be-surprised.org.uk).

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## School's brass is top value

Music scholars at a Walsall school could be forgiven for blowing their own trumpet when a top player visited.

Leading trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins led a workshop attended by 60 talented pupils at Aldridge School, which runs a music scholarship.

He is known for his trumpet solo in TV's Antiques Roadshow theme tune, is a leading collector of historical instruments, and lectures at music colleges across the country.

He was invited by the school's trumpet teacher, Peter Lacey, a friend.

Mr Lacey said: "It's been great to have him here. He gave a lecture and demonstrated instruments from the 17th century."

Trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins with music scholars at Aldridge School

## Paul to plod for 13 miles

WALSALLopper Paul Swan is to pound the streets of Birmingham in full uniform this Sunday in the 13-mile Bupa Great Birmingham Run to collect cash for Cancer Research UK.

He will be joined by PCSO Munmohan Sahota of Rowley neighbourhood team, running in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice.

Acorns branches in Walsall, Birmingham and Worcester provide care and support for children and young people who have life-limiting conditions.

West Midlands officers Mark Robinson, Vince Cope and Andrew Mitcham will be running for Alzheimer's Society, Guide Dogs for the Blind, the Epilepsy Society and Diabetes UK.

# Leisure centre parking curbs

DRIVERS who clog up parking spaces at Walsall leisure centres could soon be hit with fines or clamping.

Motorists who leave their cars for long periods while they go to work or go shopping would be targeted in the crackdown at four leisure centres - Walsall Gala Baths, Bloxwich, Darlaston and Oak Park.

Gala Baths has no car park, but time-limited parking at the other three

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centres is being considered. Councillor Anthony Harris, the town's leisure boss, said it would deter people from leaving their vehicles at car parks and then going about other business.

### Ensure

"We are looking at options. There could be a time limit of three hours, after which those not using the leisure centre would

have to pay or be clamped.

"Some people think they can get away with it. We want as many people as possible to use our leisure centres and to ensure that there is parking for them."

Council leader Mike Bird said: "People who do this are a nuisance. Some dump the car and then catch a bus to Birmingham to work."

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# Action is planned to deter park vandals

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A MEETING place for youths at a Walsall park is to be removed to stop anti-social behaviour following a vandal attack.

A set of wooden steps at the Great Bridge Road playing fields in Darlaston will be removed in an attempt to put off youths from gathering there after thugs caused £1,182 of damage in a wrecking spree at the park. A noticeboard was broken and benches that had only been installed weeks earlier were vandalised in last month's attack.

## Scrubland housing bid

A HOME is to be built in Willenhall bringing a patch of scrubland back into use.

A developer has applied for permission to build a house in Bloxwich Road North. Paul Davies, representing an unnamed developer, said that it would be near "attractive amenity and flavour".

He said: "The design attempts to keep and retain the scale of the immediate dwelling and adopts a dual-pitched roof arrangement with 'modern flavour' to gables to front and rear."

## Five deny plot to steal cars

FIVE Birmingham men accused of conspiring to steal high performance cars have appeared before Walsall magistrates.

Fayaz Ahmed, aged 36, of Kings Heath, Teheri Mahmood, of Stechford, James Watters, 25, of, Kitts Green, Tariq Zahman, 30, of Sparkbrook and Tariq Mahmood, 39, of Castle Bromwich, all gave a not guilty indication and were bailed to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court on January 1.

"The bench is getting repaired and we are looking for funding to get the steps removed. Hopefully that will be done soon."

She added that one of the noticeboards from Kings Hill Park in Darlaston Road would be handed over to the Great Bridge Road playing fields so that park goers could still be kept up-to-date with community notices.

Mrs Bott added: "It's shame the actions of a few people have to spoil it for everybody."

Anyone with information is asked to call police officers on 0345 113 5000.



Long-distance record-breaking runner Kevin Harvey

## Kevin's marathon efforts for charity

NEWLY-crowned Guinness world record holder, Kevin Harvey, will be turning out once more for the 2012 Virgin London Marathon and is appealing for more accepted runners to join him in supporting a Walsall charity.

Kevin, a physiotherapist at Acorns in Walsall, ran for Acorns in this year's marathon and broke the record for a runner dressed in a nurse's outfit, with a time of 2 hours, 52 minutes and 26 seconds.

Kevin, of Nether Whitley, near Coleshill, meets life limited children every day in his job as he said: "I would like to encourage more people, who have already been accepted into the London Marathon, to get behind the fantastic work that Acorns does."

The charity, which provides care and support to local life limited children and their families in the Black Country, relies on voluntary income for more than 70 per cent.

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Gardener Clive Perry with Margaret Jones and Cy Billings

## Daffodil bulbs for springtime

KEEN gardeners in a Walsall neighbourhood have already finished the mammoth task of planting 1,000 daffodil bulbs in a nearby park, ready for a glorious display next spring.

Park Hall pool and open green, off Barry Road, has been the subject of much attention from nearby residents for the last six years as they have given it a makeover with the use of various grants.

The final 1,000 mixed daffodil bulbs which they finished off planting last Thursday, October 13, brings the total number of bulbs planted in the open space to about 3,500.

### Reflected

Margaret Jones, of Barry Road, treasurer of the Park Hall residents association and a tree warden, said that grants of £1,500 from Walsall Council and £500 from the London-based Tree Council were obtained to rejuvenate the Park Hall pool and open green area.

She said: "Over the years we have improved the area to such an extent, it's beautiful in all seasons and we're absolutely thrilled with it."

"It's absolutely beautiful now because all the autumn colours are reflected in the water of the pool."

## Store workers aid Daisy fund

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A SUPERMARKET has donated £500 on behalf of Aldridge youngster Daisy Adams to a hospital.

Daisy suffers from Crouzon's Syndrome, which caused her skull to fuse before it should have done and required her to have major cranial surgery to hold her skull in place.

Her mum Joanne works part-time at Waitrose, in Lichfield, and while she took time off to look after Daisy, the supermarket selected Birmingham Chil-

dren's Hospital as its charity of the month, raising £500.

A posterior distraction device was fixed to parts of Daisy's skull with rods.

### Shaved

The device was then very slowly turned to gently expand the skull, relieving pressure on the brain.

Daisy was allowed to go home, leaving parents Joanne and Nigel to turn

the distractors themselves.

Joanne said: "Taking Daisy home was lovely, but it was stressful for us to have to turn Daisy's distractors as we knew it caused her some pain."

"The thing that Daisy found to be distressing about it all was having her head shaved before the operation."

"Being six years old and a very girly girl, this was difficult for her."

Daisy is a pupil at Whetstone Field Primary School with her nine-year-old brother William.

## Bath tragedy of pensioner

A RETIRED cleaner died after being severely scalded in a hot bath at her Aldridge home, an inquest heard.

Jennifer Talbot, aged 61, was found submerged by her husband Geoffrey at their home in Station Road on May 1.

Mr Talbot told Black Country Coroner Robin Balm that his wife had had a drinking problem for about a decade.

### Intoxication

Pathologist Dr Kenneth Sharrock said Mrs Talbot was more than three times over the alcohol limit for drivers, and her death was caused by scalding, contributed to by intoxication and broncho-pneumonia.

Mr Balm recorded a verdict of accidental death.

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# Coroner blames mistake by biker

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A MOTORCYCLIST who died after a collision with a lorry in Walsall had made a momentary misjudgement, an inquest has found.

Welder Jeff Picken died at Walsall Manor Hospital from multiple injuries following the collision at the island junction of Heath Road and Walsall Road, James Bridge, Darlaston, on June 16.

Mr Picken, aged 43, of Dickinson Drive, Bescot, Walsall, was heading towards Darlaston when the bike struck the nearside wheel of a Scania lorry belonging to European Metal Recycling shortly before 7am.

The inquest held at the hospital last week heard that lorry driver David Kendall, aged 26, was trying to carry out a wide U-turn.

Mr Kendall, of Erdington, Birmingham, told the coroner he first saw the motorcyclist at a glance as the bike approached.

Moments later, when they collided, he saw Mr Picken in his mirror.

"I got out and asked him if he was OK. I got no response, but he was moving," he said.

**Experienced**

Mr Picken's wife, Dawn, told the inquest: "He has owned a motorcycle since he was 16. He was a very experienced motorcyclist."

"I trusted him otherwise he wouldn't have taken my 12-year-old son out on the bike and I wouldn't have ridden with him myself. Jeff was the most careful rider possible."

Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict that death was accidental.

"I am satisfied that Mr Kendall used moderate speed and indicated correctly. It seems highly likely that because the lorry needed a wide swing, Mr Picken either thought it wasn't going to do a 360-degree turn or that he had time to go in front of it," he said.

"Either way, it wasn't possible, and Mr Picken collided with it. It seems to me a momentary misjudgement on his part which has had tragic consequences."

## Motorists fight penalties

Councillor Diane Coughlan at Crown Wharf

DRIVERS have complained they have been wrongly fined since a new parking system was introduced at a Walsall retail park – as bosses vowed to cancel them if mistakes were proven.

Around 35 drivers have complained about the new ticket machine system at the Wolverhampton Street retail complex since the pay-on-arrival scheme was introduced four months ago.

**Meeting**

Some fines have been cancelled by Parking Eye on appeal.

One hour's free parking has been scrapped and automatic number plate recognition technology introduced. Drivers have to punch their registration number into a machine and, it is claimed, extra charges were sent out after numbers were entered incorrectly.

Councillor Diane Coughlan took up the cases of shoppers who paid to park then were sent notices to pay an extra £50.

She said: "I had a productive meeting with Parking Eye and they agreed to change the wording of letters sent to motorists, to include that the fine will be held for 14 days while they appeal."

A spokesman for Parking Eye said: "We've made the parking system at Crown Wharf as clear and straightforward as possible. Motorists simply need to buy a ticket and enter their car number."

"More than 50 signs explain this, and 99.5 per cent of people use the car park without problem."

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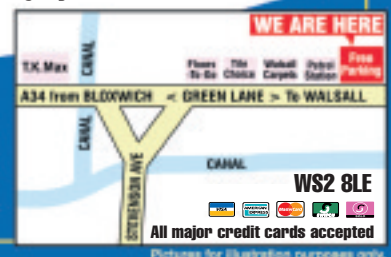
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# OAP left in agony on ward, says daughter

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AN INVESTIGATION has begun at Walsall Manor Hospital after an 80-year-old patient suffered a broken arm which was left untreated for five days.

The family of Ada Pointon, who has severe dementia, was allegedly told by nurses that bruising on her arm was "spontaneous", but her shocked daughter Sharon later discovered her mother's arm had fractured.

The family say they have had no explanation about how the fracture happened and have criticised her care on the ward.

Walsall Manor Hospital said it was investigating the complaint.

Daughter Sharon Pointon, aged 43, said: "For five days it wasn't treated and she was in pain."

"I was really scared for my mum - and it makes you scared about getting old yourself."

## Seamstress

Mrs Pointon was admitted to Ward Four with pneumonia at the beginning of September. The former seamstress, who has had severe dementia since 2004, is unable to swallow and is fed through a tube.

Her daughter, who is a full-time carer for her mother at their home in Bakewell Close, Bloxwich, visited on September 20 to find her mother distressed and her arm swollen.

She said: "Her shoulder to elbow was swollen and nurses told me it was because she had been lying on her side. Bruising started to come up and they told me it was spontaneous bruising."

"It got worse and worse and eventually she had an X-ray and they told us it had been broken."

"I also found her lying flat on her back choking and being fed through the nasogastric tube."

"She was supposed to be sitting upright and there were no nurses at her bedside."

Ms Pointon claimed the nurses at Walsall Manor did not know how to feed her mother and were "dismissive" of everything she said.

Paula Gardner, head of nursing for in-planned care at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "The concerns raised by this family are currently being fully investigated."

## Butcher Darren's new joint



Darren Symes opens his new butcher's shop in Norton Canes

HOME-MADE faggots and fresh cuts of prime beef are on the menu at Walsall butcher Darren Symes' new shop near Cannock.

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# Have a scream this Halloween



What's worse than a ghost? A ghost with a snake at West Midlands Safari

**H**ORRIBLE historians at **Black Country Living Museum** are set to disgust and delight with a Halloween Gore and Grime Trail during half term until Sunday, October 30.

Ghostbusting visitors can follow a revolting route around the museum site or make wicked winged puppets during creative workshops held in the museum's Workers' Institute. A Victorian Side Show will take place on Fright Nights Friday and Saturday (October 28 and 29) when mysterious guides recount terrifying tales of old, whilst ghosts and ghouls lurk in the eerie half-light of the shadows on the gas-lit cobbled streets.

Circus skills, fire-juggling, face-painting, balloon animals, magician's tricks, living statues and the headless horseman will bring lots of fun and a macabre magic to the evening. A Black comedy will be performed by theatre company, Fizzog.

Tickets for the museum's Fright Nights cost £13.60 per adult, £11 senior and £7.10 young person and must be pre-booked through the ticket office on 0121 520 8054 or via the museum's website at [www.bclm.com](http://www.bclm.com). A small charge of £3.50 applies for taster sessions with mystics, psychics and palm readers and additional

IT'S the season for ghosts, ghouls, witches, werewolves and anything else likely to go bump in the night... and attractions across the West Midlands are joining the creepy cavalcade

charges apply for fairground rides and car-parking.

There's a distinct chill in the air as **West Midlands Safari Park** unleashes its creepiest creatures for a Spooky Spectacular.

Running daily from 10am and on selected evenings, everyone is encouraged to dress up and take part in a variety of scary activities and eerie animal encounters to celebrate Halloween.

Spooky Nights are open from tomorrow (Saturday) at 5.30pm until October 30. As the daylight fades staff will be bracing themselves to deliver the ultimate spooky experience as the park has 100 haunting exhibits and more than 3,000 pumpkins. There are spooks galore from the Wild Woods witches and wailing women and wandering zombies to shivering scare-crows.

The Tree Tops Pavilion will be transformed into a Halloween haven for hands-on craft activities and is the place to hear spooky stories to send shivers down the spine. Hear chilling tales of giant snakes from the reptile crypt, while the sea lion show will take on a phantom pirate theme. During the

whole event the all-weather Discovery Trail exhibits will be open including the Twilight Cave, Creepy Crawlies, Seaquarium and Mark O'Shea's Reptile World, along with late night rides that will naturally include Venom and the Black Fly.

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## Atmosphere

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From ghosts and ghouls to gruesome tucker, **Cadbury World** is hosting a spook-tacular line-up of activities this Halloween.

The popular attraction is planning a series of frighteningly fun Halloween themed activities between October 22 and 30 including a spooky fancy dress competition for children.

The Cadbury World staff will be cre-



Little witches have a cackle at the Black Country Living Museum

ating mischief and mayhem dressed as ghosts and ghouls, with visitors treated to family entertainment.

The restaurant will be offering a terrifyingly tasty menu including sludge casserole, werewolf eyes and witches' broth. Visitors will also have the opportunity to purchase chocolate treats and limited edition handmade pumpkin novelties from the World's Biggest Cadbury Shop.

For more information about a visit to Cadbury World visit the [www.cadburyworld.co.uk](http://www.cadburyworld.co.uk) website.

A spooky atmosphere will await visitors at the Ghostly Gaslight Halloween event at **Blists Hill Victorian Town**, near Ironbridge, on the evening of Saturday, October 29.

As dusk falls, spooky antics are going to replace the normal everyday activities that take place at the open-air museum. Weird apparitions will

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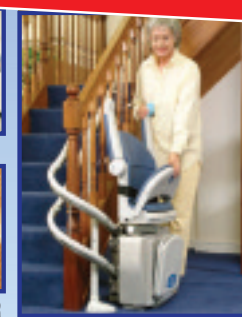
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# Axe for bus lane as gripes mount

A BUS LANE on a busy Walsall route is to be axed after complaints that it caused congestion and does not improve bus times.

Leader of the council Mike Bird said he would be happy to see the back of the bus lane on the A34 Birmingham Road which runs from the town centre through Park Hall towards the city, will be taken out this weekend after requests from people living nearby.

It was said to make no difference to bus journey times.

Complaints have come forward that the lane simply means traffic is queuing up every day to leave the town.

Councillor Bird said: "It will be removed at the request of local residents. It creates congestion and has been a problem."

**Congestion**

"I have no time for bus lanes, they all cause congestion on busy routes where I can't see why buses should have priority.

"Common sense has prevailed. It's great - a victory for people living along Birmingham Road."

Councillor Bird added that the frequent buses going into Birmingham meant scores of drivers were in the habit of parking in Queens Road and leaving their cars there all day while they go to work in Birmingham on the bus, also causing congestion problems for residents.

National Express West Midlands, the main bus operator along the route, had no objections, Councillor Bird said.

Paddock ward's Councillor Rose Martin said: "The residents have been talking about the bus lane being a problem. "It has been causing tailbacks by houses, so I'm glad to see it going, for the sake of the residents. The council has taken their concerns on board."

**Marathon ride ahead**

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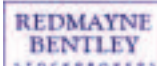
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### Hair salon cut off by phones glitch

A HAIR salon in Walsall says it has been left hundreds of pounds down after major problems with its telephone line.

Shepherds Hair & Beauty found it was unable to communicate with customers after Wednesday, October 5, following a switch in its telephone service provider.

#### Lifeline

Bosses at the business in Stafford Street said takings have plummeted in that time as they were unable to take fresh bookings.

They were also concerned that regular and new customers might believe that their efforts to contact the hair-

dressers and make appointments were being deliberately ignored.

Adrian Rooker took over the salon with his partner Emma Parker three years ago.

Mr Rooker, aged 31, said: "The phone is a lifeline for our business. It is the only way for customers to communicate with us and make bookings."

"We are a local business serving local people and have got a good relationship with our customers. We want to let them know we have not been ignorant."

The 01902 605856 number was operational again by last Saturday, with 07850 357197 as an alternative.



Emma Parker and Adrian Rooker, of Shepherds Hair & Beauty

## Thieves grab OAP's savings

THIEVES stole the life savings of a 78-year-old man in what has been described by police as a "heinous" crime in a Walsall town centre pub.

The devastated pensioner had his entire £5,000 savings in a bag.

He was in Yates's bar in Leicester Street and a woman distracted his attention by asking if some money on the floor was his.

When the bent down to look, a man snatched the bag from the chair next to

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him and ran out of the pub. Pc Nial Edwards, of Walsall police, said: "The two ran off towards the town centre."

"They have preyed on an elderly man who had withdrawn his life savings to share between his family."

#### Smartly

"This is a heinous crime and we would like to bring these two to justice."

The woman is white, with

long brown hair in a pony tail. She was wearing a white jacket, blue jeans and sunglasses.

The man is in his late 20s or early 30s, 5ft 10in to 6ft, and smartly dressed in a suit and red tie.

He was wearing a light cap, which he threw away, revealing a bald head.

Police are appealing for anyone who witnessed the crime at 11.10am last Wednesday, October 12, or has any information about the thieves, to call them on 0345 113 5000.

### Race to buy Floors-2-Go

THREE national retailers were vying this week to take over the former Floors-2-Go store in Green Lane, Walsall.

Administrators for the flooring chain, which collapsed earlier this year, said they were in negotiations with three unnamed potential clients.

#### Premises

The former Floors-2-Go in Aldridge Road, Great Barr, has also been the subject of takeover interest, but there have been no takers for premises at Our Place, Loxdale Street, Bilston, or Eagle Street, off Bilston Road, Wolverhampton.

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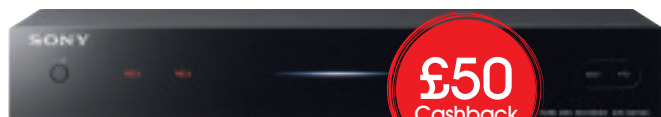
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# Huge new base for paramedics

A HUGE new ambulance hub that will house 230 members of staff and will stock, service and clean a fleet of 50 vehicles is to be built on an industrial estate in Willenhall. The new centre is earmarked for Ashmore Lake Industrial Estate.

Bosses said construction work is due to start in January and last for nine months. Vehicles will be cleaned, repaired and stored at the hub before and after paramedics take them

## Car ploughs into pub



James Greenway outside the Horse and Jockey

SEVERE damage was caused by a car that hit the front of a Walsall pub.

The 11-reg black Fiat was wrecked when it smashed into the Horse & Jockey in Walsall Road, Darlaston. It destroyed a wall and the bay window at the front, and left a mound of rubble.

Publican James Greenway, was woken by the crash just below his bedroom window in the early hours of Saturday.

The 57-year-old said: "I was woken by the skid and then the loud crash."

"I felt the building shake. You wouldn't believe that such a small car could cause so much damage."

Mr Greenway, who was alone in the pub at the time said: "Two gentlemen in the car walked away fine."

out on their shifts at community ambulance stations across the Black Country.

Paramedics will also clock in and out at the new centre and take their breaks there.

The hub will serve new community stations in Bloxwich, Aldridge and Delves in Walsall, Tettenhall and Bushbury in Wolverhampton, Codsall in South Staffordshire and West Bromwich in Sandwell.

West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman Chris Kowalik said it was part of the £7 million shake-up of the service.

### Homes

As part of the overhaul, which is being brought in to mirror the set-up in Staffordshire, 13 existing ambulance stations will close across the region and replaced with 29 community bases.

A large base to serve Dudley and most of Sandwell will also be built in Dudley.

The cost of the new base in Willenhall is under wraps but the ambulance service said it would cost £400,000 to kit out, once built. It will include a garage site and areas to maintain and clean vehicles and equipment, as well as areas for staff to take breaks in and lockers for their belongings.

Some of the smaller community ambulance stations will also house specially-trained paramedics who will treat more people in their own homes.

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**Ideas from a new generation**

**Future Science - edited by Max Brockman (Oxford University Press, paperback, £9.99)**

ESSENTIAL reading for science students and fans of popular science, this is a collection of cutting-edge essays from a new generation of scientists talent-spotted by Max Brockman from the Edge Foundation.

The short but informative chapters range over a wide variety of topics. These include the mind-bending subject of infinity, the digital detritus of social networking, new thoughts on the human mind including the importance of shame and how attractiveness works, plant immunity and climate change, and how the search for alien life will probably take place inside ice-encased extraterrestrial oceans. Some articles are more reader friendly than others. However, this collection of 19 essays (from mostly American academics) bubble with new ideas. I am pleased that it is probably the first in a new series.

**Six-Legged Soldiers - Jeffrey A Lockwood**

(Oxford University Press, paperback, £9.99)

SINCE a stone age man first hit on the idea of throwing a wasp's nest into an enemy's cave, human beings have been recruiting insects for use in war. The Romans, Mayans, Mongols and Crusaders utilised stinging insects for the pain and terror they could inflict upon the enemy. In the 14th century there was an even almost Gatling gun-like windmill contraption for firing hives at an enemy.

Even as recently as the Vietnam War, the Viet Cong would use their jungle knowledge to relocate colonies of aggressive honeybees to routes used by the American soldiers and then set off their "free mine" with a firecracker.

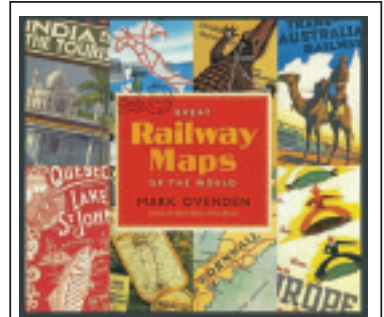
More horrific is the use of insects as instruments of torture. The deeply unpleasant 19th century Uzbek emir Nasrullah Bahadur-Khan had a bug pit in which he would plunge prisoners, including two unfortunate British envoys, to be slowly gnawed to death by the aptly-named assassin bugs.

The scariest chapter, *Entomological Evil*, details how insects were used for spreading disease in the Far East during the Second World War, such as the uji bombs that Imperial Japan dropped on China. These were porcelain bulbs full of plague-infected fleas that would be shattered at a height of 500 feet. When these were not killing Chinese people quickly enough, they directly sprayed the fleas from airplanes. Scenarios of how terrorists could employ insects are utterly chilling. As if these creatures were not lethal enough, Professor Lockwood looks to a future when insects are enhanced or replicated by scientists. Looks like we're going to need a bigger swat.

**The Ascent of the Detective - Haia Shpayer-Makov**

(Oxford University Press, hardback, £30)

POOR Inspector Lestrade of the Yard, I always thought Sherlock Holmes was a little dismissive of the police detective. This first major study of English police detectives in the 19th and early 20th centuries, by a history professor from the University of Haifa, looks at both the real Lestrades and his fictional fellows. She looks at how these men became detectives, their working conditions and differences from uniformed officers, their relationship with the press and how their image developed in popular fiction. The author gathers a wealth of information presented with sparse but effective illustrations, though I suspect her writing style will be a little too dry for casual readers.

**POPULAR SCIENCE & NON FICTION****On the right track**

**Great Railway Maps of the World - Mark Ovenden (Penguin, hardback, £20)**

A HANDSOME tome for map obsessives to pour over, from the same rail fanatic who authored *Metro Maps of the World*.

There are many colourful maps drawn from nearly two hundred years of rail history, beginning with the heights schematic of the Liverpool to Manchester line serviced by Robert Stephenson's Planet and Northumbria engines.

The first key stop on the journey is the first national railway map from 1839 and a cornucopia of rail cartography follows, with a special focus on the transcontinental railways including America's iron horse expansion across the plains and the Trans-Siberian Railway which began in Tsarist Russia. The networks of France, China, even Saudi Arabia are included.

**Elegance**

Thought is given to the different styles of design, contrasting the simple elegance of Harry Beck's classic 1933 London Tube map with the curvacious if bewildering Tokyo regional rail map 2009 by Kim Ji-hwan.

My only criticism is that the dimensions of the book don't always do justice to the detailed maps, many intricate works of art in their own right.

But if you are an armchair traveller who has ever been captivated by maps or the romance of the railways, these illustrations will be a delight to your eyes as Ovenden relates the history of a form of transport that girdled the earth in four million kilometres of track.

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# Trackers to find slack care staff

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A NEW system that will keep an eye on care workers' home visits to pensioners and vulnerable people across Walsall is due to be introduced in the next financial year, council bosses have announced.

Elderly and disabled people have been complaining that some workers were turning up late or not staying long enough. It could include measures such as managers dropping in unannounced on home visits or staff carrying electronic fobs or swipe cards to track the length of their appointments.

Walsall Council said it was set to be introduced in 2012-13. It comes after care firms were criticised for "cramming" - giving too few hours for staff to visit several clients.

Councillor Barbara McCracken, the borough's social care boss, said: "The new arrangements are in line with the new system of personalisation whereby people will be able to receive funding directly from the council so that they can purchase their own care."

## Cramming

"In this way, they will be able to arrange their care to suit their personal circumstances."

Councillor McCracken said this would improve overall standards and overcome the cramming problems that arose when the council was ordering services for large numbers of people at the same time.

She added: "The council will be introducing a calls monitoring system to ensure that care workers provide the full amount of care at the right time."

"We're always looking to improve." The proposed electronic monitoring system of visits would involve staff carrying a fob or swipe card connected to a central base to track time with clients.

## Schoolboy Tom's CD



Tom Edis, aged 16, with CDs of his song Working Men and the Mayor of Walsall, Councillor Garry Perry

A TALENTED pupil has teamed up with a well-known Walsall performer to produce a song for charity.

Tom Edis, of St Thomas More School, in Willenhall, has joined forces with Keir Edwards to re-record Working Men. It was originally recorded by Rita McNeil in the 80s and more recently by David Alexander after the mining disaster in Wales. Keir and 16-year-old Tom performed the song at the Mayoress of Walsall's At

Home event and the emotional reaction and requests has led them to make a CD. Proceeds will go to the Mayor of Walsall Garry Perry's appeal.

Councillor Perry said: "We hope to donate some of the proceeds to the families affected by the latest mining tragedy in Swansea as well as to my chosen charities."

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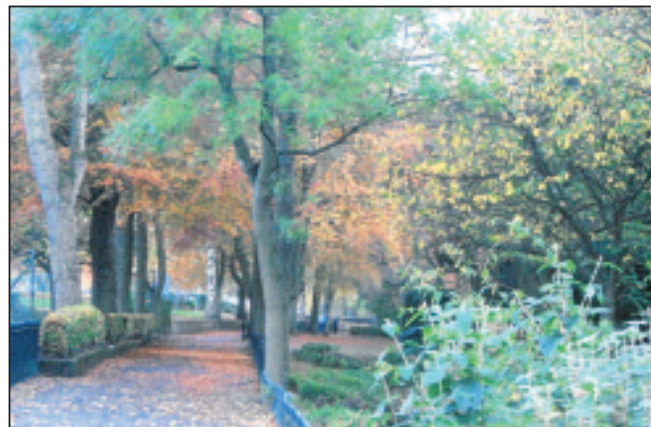
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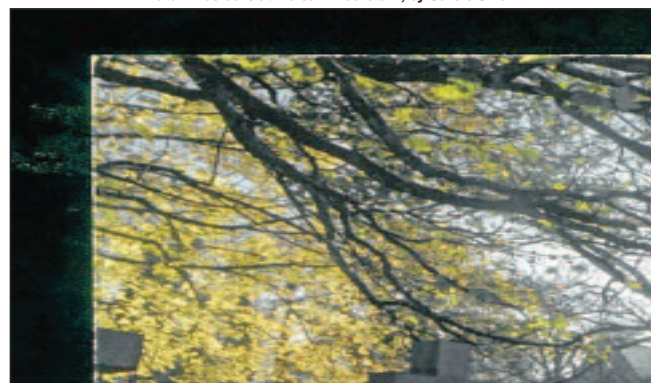
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# Show a real gift for festive ideas

YES, it's the countdown to Christmas – the shops are already filling up with cards and gift ideas. So, time to book your place for the Festive Gift Fair which returns to Birmingham's NEC for the 16th year. And we have teamed up with the organisers to offer 18 readers the chance to win a pair of tickets for the show.

The four-day show, which will run between November 17-20, offers visitors a massive array of inspirational and affordable Christmas gift ideas.

## Gadgets

This year there will be gifts for even the most difficult-to-buy for relatives; with stalls as varied as chocolate pizzas from Nottingham, liqueurs and spirits from Anglesey, handbags and accessories from nearby Warwickshire and dog toys from Malvern.

There's kiddies' cookware from Kingsbridge and gents' gadgets from Telford, decorations from Stroud and cheese from Cornwall. With so much to choose from there's even a 'present crèche' for you to drop off your bags. TV chef Ainsley Harriott will be his



Brighten up your home with the many festive decorations on offer

usual mischievous self and will be at the show to sign autographs on Thursday (17) from noon-3pm.

Ticket prices start at just £8.50 for adults and are available from [www.theticketfactory.com](http://www.theticketfactory.com) or 0844 581 0808. For more information visit [www.festivegiftfair.co.uk](http://www.festivegiftfair.co.uk) or [www.thenec.co.uk](http://www.thenec.co.uk).



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# Ex-Walsall boss Merson arrested

FORMER Walsall FC manager Paul Merson was arrested on suspicion of drink-driving after his Mercedes crashed into a lorry on a motorway. The ex-England player was held by police after the accident on the M40 near Warwick.

Merson, aged 43, was later released by police and was pictured leaving hospital with blood splashes on his shirt and cuts on his face. He appeared to have had stitches for a wound above an eyebrow.

He admitted: "I fell asleep and just hit the central reservation."

"I banged my head on the windscreen and the car is a write-off. The emergency services were brilliant."

The Sky Sports pundit, who played for Arsenal, Middlesbrough, Aston Villa, Portsmouth and Walsall, was on his way home to Sutton Coldfield from a Children in Need event in Battersea, south London, when the crash happened at 3am last Wednesday.

The lorry driver was treated for whiplash.

Merson was given a roadside breath test, then blood tests were taken.

## Clinic

Warwickshire Police said a 43-year-old man was arrested after a collision involving a lorry and a black Mercedes ML350 between junctions 14 and 15 of the northbound M40 at 3.12am.

She said the Mercedes driver was initially arrested on suspicion of driving with excess alcohol.

"He was taken to Warwick Hospital for treatment to a cut to the head. A blood sample was taken for analysis while at hospital. He was then de-arrested."

Merson had a troubled spell as a player and player-manager at Walsall between 2003 and 2006.

He was granted time off by Saddlers to attend a rehabilitation clinic for his gambling problems.



Bloodstained Paul Merson leaving Warwick Hospital A&E last Wednesday. Picture courtesy of Daily Mirror



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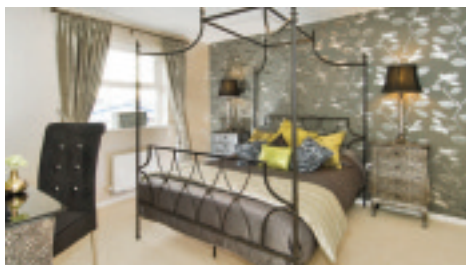
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AN ALL-STAR cast comes to Wolverhampton for hit show **Calendar Girls**, about a group of WI ladies who pose nude for a charity calendar.

Getting their kit off in the best possible taste for the comedy at The Grand are Lynda Bellingham from TV's *Loose Women*, former *Hi-De-Hi* star Ruth Madoc, former *Rock Follies*, *Coronation Street* and *Celebrity Big Brother* star Rula Lenska, West End performer Jennifer Ellison, ex-*Howards Way* star Jan Harvey, *The Smoking Room*'s Debbie Chazen, *Strictly Come Dancing*'s Camilla Dallerup, with Bruno Langley and Joe McGann representing the men. It's on from Monday to Saturday, October 24 to 29.

Following its phenomenal success in London's West End last summer, high octane Ballroom and Salsa extravaganza **Burn The Floor** is coming to Birmingham Hippodrome, where 20 world class dancers will set the stage on fire from Tuesday to Saturday, October 25 to 29.

The show's global success is largely owed to director and choreographer Jason Gilkison. His talent has seen him head hunted by the BBC to bring his choreography skills to the current series of *Strictly Come Dancing*. Personally working with the celebrities and professional partners, Jason has been spending countless hours tailoring and perfecting the dazzling performances millions witness on Saturday nights.

### Champion

There are currently four former **Burn The Floor** cast members starring in the prime time show, including Strictly reigning champion Artem Chigvintsev, Robin Windsor, Natalie Lowe plus new addition Pascha Kovalev. Fellow alumni Anya Garnis and Tristan MacManus shone in US dance show *Dancing With The Stars*, while former colleagues Ashleigh D Lello and her husband Ryan were strong competitors in the popular US dance competition, *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Tracie Bennett continues with her acclaimed portrayal of the middle-aged Judy Garland in **End of the Rainbow** at the Hippodrome to Saturday.

James Corden stars in the National Theatre's new comedy **One Man Two Guvnors**, which ends its run at Birmingham's New Alex on Saturday. Then the Alex hosts **Roary The Racing Car** at 1pm on Monday, an evening performance by psychic **Sally Morgan** on Tuesday and Colin Gold plays Billy Fury backed by the actual Tornadoes in **Halfway To Paradise** on Wednesday night.

Comedy gigs include a 5pm **Audience with Pam Ayres**, the gentle comic poet, on Sunday at Birmingham Town Hall. Salford comedian **Jason Manford** is at the LG Arena on Wednesday. Squeaky-voiced king of the jungle **Joe Pasquale** is at the Wulfrun Hall next Thursday, October 27.

# Joe sees no more barriers to his solo singing career



Joe Jonas of top American pop group The Jonas Brothers is appearing as Britney Spears' special guest at the LG Arena after releasing his urban R&B-style solo debut album

AMERICAN pop star Joe Jonas is loving life as a solo artist but promises fans that the Jonas Brothers have not split up.

The 22-year-old middle brother from the hugely popular sibling trio, who won a generation of fans via their Disney movies and television shows, spoke to The Chronicle during a visit to the UK to promote his debut solo album *FastLife* and to prepare for his tour with superstar Britney Spears.

The dark-haired heart-throb, whose latest hit video, *See No More*, notched up five million views on YouTube and Vevo, revealed that he could soon be making his movie acting debut.

"This is going to be a crazy few weeks but I am excited," said the Arizona-born singer. "Britney is great. I did one show with her in New Jersey. She is going to be a fun tour partner. It will be pretty cool to hear I Did It Again - hers was the first record I ever bought."

Joe will be her special guest at selected dates when Britney makes her comeback this month, including a concert at the LG Arena, Birmingham, on Sunday, October 30.

But what can the gig goers expect from Joe? "Very high energy. I just want to get them dancing, get them standing up. I feel like I'm not doing my job unless everyone's standing up and rocking out," he said.

The Camp Rock star has already had a preview of the Wembley Arena when he attended the BBC Teen Awards, which included meeting up with Britain's latest pop sensations, One Direction, featuring Wolverhampton's Liam Payne.

"I got to meet the One Direction guys and thought they were really

**Joe Jonas talks to Leon Burakowski about his solo debut album, going on tour with Britney Spears and the future for the Jonas Brothers**

nice, really cool and I was really happy to meet them," said Joe.

"The current UK music scene is really amazing, it's definitely getting better and better. Every time I'm here I find new artists and things that I really love listening to."

"Pixie Lott is a good friend of mine and I love her music. Her new stuff sounds incredible."

Maybe he gave One Direction some tips on dealing with excitable fans, as the Jonas Brothers have had hordes of car chasing admirers.

"Yes, I have been asked to sign just about every body part. A baby was probably the oddest... they were like 'sign this baby's forehead'. That was kind of an interesting one."

### Energy

He is a big fan of keeping in touch with the fans, saying: "Twitter is a great tool. You can hear what the fans think right away. You see the tweets and feed off their energy right away."

On his new album Joe has collaborated with top writers and producers including Chris Brown and Lil Wayne, which has helped a musical transition from pop to a more R&B influenced sound. Released on Monday, October 24, *FastLife* is also the first Jonas release to get a parental warning sticker.

Asked who he would like to collaborate with, Joe said: "I like Kanye West and would really like to do something with him, that would be really interesting. British artists like Adele, Tinie Tempah, Foster The People, something a little different from what I'm

used to. It shows a different side to the music that I am making."

He also revealed that he may be making a movie. "There is a movie I am developing back in the States with a buddy of mine, a producer friend. We have got a writer now, it's coming together and it's very exciting."

But what genre? Action, sci-fi, romance? "It's kind of everything," he replied. "It is too early to say what it's about but I am excited to have this idea grow."

Doesn't Joe sometimes miss having brothers Nick and Kevin at his side? "It's a little bit scary to be up there by myself but I've been getting great support. My brothers have been very supportive. They're incredible and I'm really thankful for the fact that they're happy for me to take my time and do my thing."

"I wanted to really spend time on this album, to take my time to make sure I made music that I was really proud of. There's been some times with my brothers that we've done some things and really rushed them, like making records quickly. I wanted to take my time with this one."

"It's cool to be back (in the UK) and to be able to do my solo stuff here. I'm just happy. I love shopping here and I love the fashion, it's so great to see the fans and travel the world."

As for the band getting back together, he said: "We are definitely still a band. We are going to be making music together again when the time is right."

"Right now we are just focusing on our individual projects. The time will come around to make more music together. We are always writing... maybe in the next year or so we will release another album."

And would he bring his brothers to tour Europe? "I would love to get that tour together, we have got so many good friends over here."

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**TV-14** 6:00 *Dynasty*, 6:30 *L.A. Law*, 6:25 *The Jefferson* (R) *Sho*, 10:30 *This Morning* 12:30 *Local 4 News* (R) *Sho*, 1:00 *Weather*, 1:35 *Regional News* (Weather), 2:00 *Dickinson* (R) *Sho*, 2:30 *Local 4 News* (R) *Sho*, 3:00 *The Alvin Karpis Show*, 3:30 *Regional Weather*, 4:00 *There's No Place Like Home*, 5:00 *The Gypsy*, 6:00 *Regional News* (Weather), 6:30 *Local 4 News* (Weather), 7:00 *Emmerdale*, 7:30 *Coronation Street*, 8:00 *Wild Britain with Ray Mears*, 8:30 *Coronation Street*, 9:00 *An Audience with Barry Manilow*, 9:00 *ITV News at Ten* (Weather), 10:30 *Regional News* (Weather), 10:45 *Ant & Bixie Jones: The Edge of Extinction*, 11:00 *Ant & Bixie Jones: The Edge of Extinction*, 2:25 *First The Day of the Jackal*, (1973) 5:00 *ITV Nightscene*, 5:30 *ITV Morning News*

**Channel 4** **7:30** *The Hobbit* **7:30**  
**8:00** *Top Gear* **8:00**  
**8:30** *Everybody Loves Raymond* **8:30** *2.25 Flander* **9:00**  
**9:55** *Undercover Boss USA* **9:55** *How to Look Good Naked* **10:55** *Phil Spencer* **Spencer** **Spencer**  
**11:00** *News Summary* **12:05** *Country*  
**12:30** *Ant & Dec's Christmas Special* **1:00** *Lois Pritchett 'The Colour Guard'* **1:30** *Home Cottage Blues* **1:30** *Flint Two Thousand/Women!* **1:40**  
**1:30** *Countdown* **9:00** *Deal or No Deal* **5:00** *Hour in a Bed* **5:30** *Come Dine with Me* **6:00**  
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*Galaxy* 12:05 *S. News* 12:30 *Live with*  
*Brian* (R) 1:15 *Home and Away* 1:55 *News*  
2:15 *C&E: Crime Scene Investigation* (R)  
3:10 *Flint* (Checklist) (F) (2007) 5:00 *S. News* 5:30  
*Headbush* (F) 6:00 *Home and Away* (R)  
6:25 *CSI: The* 7:00 *S. News* 7: 7:30 *Flint* (R)  
*S. News Update* 8:00 *Los Rios* (Checklist: Deadliest  
Roads; *S. News* at 8) 8:00 *Big Brother: Live*  
*Evidence* 9:00 *The Bachelor* 10:00 *Big Brother*  
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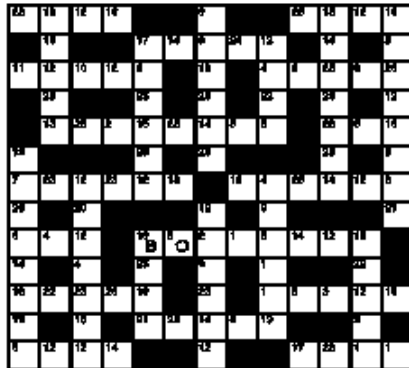
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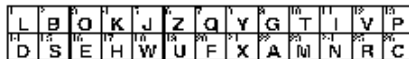
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues – both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

1. Here one is caught holding no black cards? (3,6)
2. A lovely greeting from dimple islanders (5)
3. This may come to even neighbours (6,5)
4. Still, such people can't be! (7)
5. Oh, for example, turn to colour (5)
6. Work hard with an advertising phrase (6)
7. Washed up bottle and colour (6)
8. Animal arrived and left shortly after (5,4)
9. Fabulous horseman (7)
10. An engagement, in the main (5,6)
11. Towards the Orient on foot (5)
12. Oppose an insect repellent (9)

## Down

1. Time to come out of the rain (3)
2. A light ahead of the vessel (5)
3. To desert is a falling (6)
4. It is not, indeed, meant (7)
5. To tell the truth, one may make it (5,6)
6. He can see what the speaker means (3,6)
7. Redemptive feature of a kidnapping (5,5)
8. Abuse an overstated word box (9)
9. A bath is needed to wash this (5,4)
10. Fish or fishman goes may have them (6)
11. Approaches some chemist to examine the arsenic (5)
12. Leonard comes in lately to lend a hand (5)

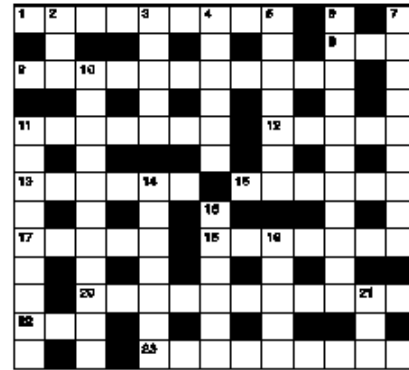
## Quick Clues:

## Across

1. Flute players (9)
2. Regret (3)
3. As an example (5,8)
4. Here back (7)
5. Three out (5)
6. Pitches (6)
7. Abandon (6)
8. Banish (5)
9. Abolish (7)
10. Change direction (5,6)
11. Consume (3)
12. Having a disease of the joints (9)

## Down

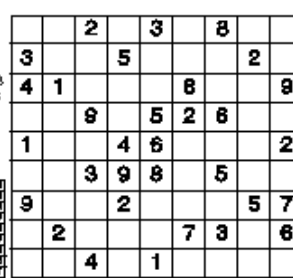
1. Zorba sign (3)
2. Male singer (5)
3. Go to (6)
4. Gendine (7)
5. Ancestor (11)
6. Revive (11)
7. Windy (9)
8. Victor (7)
9. Pendrake (6)
10. Rage (5)
11. Snow runner (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1. Flute players, 2. Regret, 3. As an example, 4. Here back, 5. Three out, 6. Pitches, 7. Abandon, 8. Banish, 9. Abolish, 10. Change direction, 11. Consume, 12. Having a disease of the joints. Down: 1. Zorba sign, 2. Male singer, 3. Go to, 4. Gendine, 5. Ancestor, 6. Revive, 7. Windy, 8. Victor, 9. Pendrake, 10. Rage, 11. Snow runner.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.



## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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The letter that will best fit the word is 'P'. The words are: INSIDE, TRAFFIC, and PULSE.

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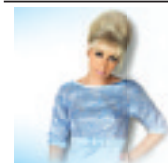
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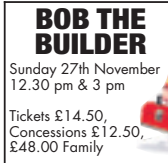
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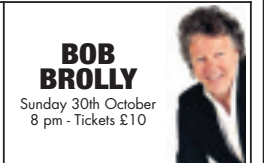
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## Helping hand for first-time buyers

A WALSALL house-builder is making it easier for first-time buyers to move in to home ownership as the price of renting continues to increase at record pace.

The cost of renting a property rose at its fastest rate for a year in August, with the average tenant now paying £713 per month, according to new research.\*

### Value

Morris, the housebuilder behind the Norton Gate development, off Lichfield Road, is offering first-time buyers the chance to avoid these high rental fees, thanks to the Government-led First Buy scheme.

The scheme enables qualifying first-time buyers to purchase a new home with a mortgage for just 80 per cent of its market value and is available on a range of properties at Morris' Norton Gate development.

Cindy Vials, regional sales director for Morris, said: "A lot of first-time buyers assume that renting is a cheaper way to live, but



Morris Homes has a wide range of properties available at Norton Gate which are available on the First Buy scheme

schemes like First Buy make home ownership a much more affordable option.

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The lounge has a decorative white painted fireplace while the dining room - 15ft by 8ft - has an attractive fireplace with electric fire and opens to the kitchen.

### Range

This has a range of wall and base mounted units with roll top work surfaces, refitted stainless steel four ring gas hob with fan above, refitted stainless steel double electric oven, inte-

grated refrigerator and sink unit.

There is also a utility with plumbing for a washing machine with a door to the cloakroom with WC.

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a bathroom with fitted suite of panelled bath, WC and pedestal wash basin.

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### Keyte Close Tipton



\*\*\*\*\*UNDER APPLICATION\*\*\*\*\* A semi detached property with integral garage and of road parking. The accommodation benefits from central heating and double glazing and has recently been refurbished. The property briefly comprises reception hall with door to garage, fitted kitchen with built in oven hob and extractor, lounge with gas fire, open plan stairs to first floor, three bedrooms and family bathroom with shower over

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### Kipling Avenue Wolverhampton NEW



An extended 3 bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of a fitted intruder alarm, double glazing and gas central heating. Located in a quiet cul-de-sac the property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge extended kitchen/dine, downstairs bathroom, 3 bedrooms, 1st floor shower room, rear garden, off road parking and garage.

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### Sedgley Road NEW



A superbly presented two bedroom modern semi detached property, situated in a popular location the property is just over 2 years old and is finished to a high standard throughout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Gas fire, Two good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Garage, Driveway, 1st floor shower room, rear garden, off road parking and garage.

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### Great Meadow Tipton



\*\*\*\*\*UNDER APPLICATION\*\*\*\*\* The property comprises a three bedroom modern semi-detached property, having the benefit of central heating and double glazing. The accommodation includes three bedrooms, reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace and gas fire, dining room with access to kitchen, fitted kitchen with oven/hob and extractor, family bathroom with bath and shower cubicle, master bedroom with ensuite, alarm, garden, garage.

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### Summertown Road Oldbury NEW



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£550 pcm

### Waite Road Willenhall



A superbly appointed and stylishly presented three bedroom traditional semi detached property, situated in a popular location with easy access to local amenities and motorway networks. The property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Three good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Private rear garden, Driveway and Gch. No Dss

£550 pcm

### Warstones Road Wolverhampton



A well presented two bedroom traditional house offering a popular location on the Western outskirts of the city centre the property is in good decorative order and benefits from a spacious layout. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Dining Room, Modern fitted kitchen, Family bathroom, 2 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms, Private rear garden, driveway, Driveway and Gch. No Dss

£550 pcm

### 63-65 Bustleholme Lane West Bromwich



A two bedroom ground floor unit with the benefit of gas central heating, double glazing, modern fitted kitchen, central garden and off road parking. The property comprises lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, fridge, freezer, wall & base units, fully tiled bathroom/vc, bedrooms with carpets and curtains.

£525 pcm

### Brickhouse Lane West Bromwich



Extended and recently refurbished semi detached having gas central heating whilst briefly comprising: Reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, front and rear gardens

£525 pcm

### Geneva Road Tipton



\*\*\*MUST BE VIEWED\*\*\* An improved and upgraded three bedroom and terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This well presented property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen/dine, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, off road parking, and good size rear garden.

£525 pcm

### Shaw Road Tipton



A semi detached property which benefits from central heating and part double glazing. Briefly comprising reception hall, open plan through lounge, fitted kitchen, family bathroom, and three bedrooms. The accommodation has off road parking and front garden and an enclosed rear garden.

£525 pcm

### Greencroft Bilston



A 3 bedroom and terrace house having central heating and double glazing. Briefly comprising reception hall with guest cloak/WC off, lounge, fitted kitchen with gas cooker, 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC and enclosed rear garden. NO PETS. Viewing 0121 525 5550

£525 pcm

### Sannners Crescent Tipton



A well appointed two bedroom modern first floor unit in a well established popular neighbourhood with easy access to Black country route and motorway networks. The property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Reception hallway, Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Dining Room, Modern fitted kitchen, Family bathroom, 2 bedrooms, 2 bedrooms, Private rear garden, driveway, Driveway and Gch. No Dss

£495 pcm

### Waverley Road Darlaston



3 Bedroom Mid terrace, central heating & double glazing (where specified), no upward facing, reception rooms, kitchen, upstairs bathroom, rear garden & rear double garage.

£495 pcm

### Envile Road Kingswinford



A well presented two bedroom flat, situated in popular residential neighbourhood close to excellent local amenities and briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Bathroom, No Dss

£495 pcm

### Fraser Street Bilston



A two bedroom middle terrace property having the benefit of a good sized rear garden, close to local amenities, with good transport links, refurbished, gas central heating and majority UPVC double glazing. The property further comprises, lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, 2 double bedrooms MUST BE VIEWED.

£495 pcm

### Westfield Road Bilston



A well presented semi detached property. The property offers a good layout and briefly comprises of Reception Hallway, Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Laundry Room, Out-house, Private rear garden, Driveway and Gch. Unfurnished.

£485 pcm

### Woodlands House Bloxwich Road North NEW



The property comprises a modern luxury flat having the benefit of central heating and double glazing. The accommodation includes two good sized bedrooms, fully fitted kitchen, large lounge, fitted bathroom, secure parking. Viewing 0121 525 5550

£475 pcm

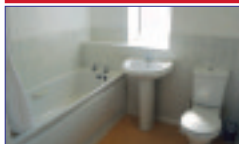
### Wordsworth Close TIPTON NEW



A well presented modern two bedroom town house, offering a good location and briefly comprises of Lounge, Kitchen, Two bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore garden and parking. No Dss

£475 pcm

### Sannners Crescent Tipton



A Well Presented Modern First Floor Granary style luxury apartment having UPVC Double Glazing, Electric Heating & briefly comprises: Reception Hallway, Landing, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower and Allocated Parking Space. Viewing 0121 525 3753

£475 pcm

### Fraser Street Bilston



A well presented spacious two bedroom second floor apartment situated in a popular location just a short distance from Bilston town centre with easy access to Black country route and motorway networks. The property offers a good standard of accommodation and briefly comprises of Lounge, Fitted kitchen, Two double bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway and Gch. No Dss

£450 pcm

### Scott Street Tipton



Modern ground floor apartment which benefits from upvc double glazing and gas central heating and briefly comprising: Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower & allocated parking space. Part Furnished. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. NO DSS

£450 pcm

### Spring Head Wednesbury



A well presented semi detached property. The property offers a good layout and briefly comprises of Reception Hallway, Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Family bathroom, Laundry Room, Out-house, Private rear garden, Driveway and Gch. Unfurnished.

£450 pcm

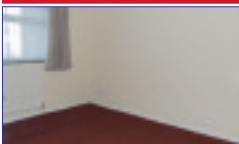
### Spring Head Wednesbury



A superbly presented and newly refurbished one bedroom first floor apartment, situated in a popular location in the heart of Wednesbury town centre which boasts excellent local amenities and easy access to motorway networks. The property is finished to a high standard making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. To include Modern fitted kitchen, lounge, refitted bathroom, Double bedroom, Refitted bathroom, Driveway and Gch. No Dss

£425 pcm

### Walpole Walk West Bromwich



A newly refurbished well presented one bedroom ground floor apartment, situated in a quiet cul de sac this impressive property is finished to a high standard and requires internal viewing to fully appreciate. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Double bedroom, Refitted bathroom, Driveway and Gch. No Dss

£425 pcm

### Kelvin Way West Bromwich



\*\*\*\*\*UNDER APPLICATION\*\*\*\*\* A centrally heated and double glazed terraced house. The fully furnished property comprises: porch, reception hall, through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen with appliances upstairs bathroom, one bedroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking to rear. NO PETS. Viewing 0121 525 5550

£425 pcm

### Spring Head Wednesbury



A superbly presented and newly refurbished studio apartment, situated in a popular location in the heart of Wednesbury town centre which boasts excellent local amenities and easy access to motorway networks. The property is finished to a high standard making internal viewing essential to fully appreciate the level of accommodation. To include Modern fitted kitchen, lounge, refitted bathroom, Double bedroom, Refitted bathroom, Driveway and Gch. No Dss

£395 pcm

### Clarkes Lane Willenhall



A well presented one bedroom ground floor apartment, set in a prominent location close to Willenhall town centre and motorway networks. The property is finished to a high standard and briefly comprises of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Fitted bathroom, Double bedroom and secure parking. No Dss

£395 pcm

### Nightingale Drive Tipton



The property comprises a one bedroom ground floor apartment having the benefit of double glazing. The accommodation includes a lounge with laminate flooring, electric fire and fireplace, fitted kitchen with electric oven, hob and extractor fan, shower room with shower cubicle and wash hand basin.

£350 pcm

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### Fraser Street Bilston **NEW**



- 2 Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£64,950**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Sneyd Lane Essington



- Spacious & Extended Detached House
- Sought After Location
- 20ft Master Bedroom & 2 Further bedrooms
- Central Heating & Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£234,950**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Wednesbury Memory Lane



- A Modern 3 Bedroom Link Detached Home
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Extremely Well Presented Throughout
- Secluded Location within a Popular Estate

Viewing 0121 505 3533

### **NEW**



- Reception Hall & Guest WC
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace
- Fitted Kitchen with Integrated Appliances
- UPVC Conservatory

OFFERS AROUND: **£149,950**

### Frost Street Wolverhampton



- Spacious 3 Storey Town-House
- 3/4 Bedrooms
- Reception Hall
- 2 Reception Rooms

OFFERS AROUND: **£95,000**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Marden Close Willenhall



- 4 Bedroom Detached House
- Extended and Well Presented
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£164,995**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Marston Street Willenhall **NEW**



- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- No Upward Chain
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£69,995**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Eaton Rise Willenhall



- Extended Detached Bungalow
- Generous Corner Plot
- 3 Bedrooms
- Adjoining 33ft Annex

OFFERS AROUND: **£189,995**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Bloxwich Road South Willenhall



- 9 x Brand new Apartments
- UPVC double & triple glazing
- Gas central heating
- Allocated parking spaces

OFFERS AROUND: **£75,000**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Evans Street Willenhall



- Semi detached
- 3 bedroom
- No upward chain
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£90,000**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Uplands Avenue Willenhall



- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- 10/15 minutes away from town centre with easy bus access
- Central Heating & Partial Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£125,000**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Shoreham Close Willenhall



- Extended & Well Presented Detached House
- 5 Bedrooms
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Cul-de-Sac Location

OFFERS AROUND: **£180,000**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### St Chads Road Bilston **NEW**



- Detached Bungalow
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£95,000**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Evans Street Willenhall



- Well Presented Terrace House
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,995**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Poplar Avenue Walsall



- A Spacious 3 Bedroom End Residence
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Excellent Transport Links

OFFERS AROUND: **£109,995**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Meldon Drive Bilston



- Spacious End Terrace House with No Upward Chain!
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing (as specified)
- Reception Hall
- Lounge

OFFERS AROUND: **£95,000**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Hill Road Willenhall



Paul Dubberley are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £95,000 for 7 Hill road, Willenhall, W13 3TS. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Paul Dubberley & Co., 14 New road, Willenhall, W13 2BG, 01902 633323 before exchange of contracts.

OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Malins Road Wolverhampton



- Traditional Detached House
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- In Need Of Refurbishment
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£79,950**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Goscote Place Walsall **NEW**



- Spacious Terrace Home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Upvc Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£110,000**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Ingledean Close Walsall



- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£129,950**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Green Lanes Bilston



- Spacious Traditional Semi
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,950**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Ambleside Close Bilston



59 Ambleside Close, Bradley, Bilston, W14 0SN. We are acting in the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £58,000. Any interested party must submit any higher offer in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place. Paul Dubberley & Co., 14 New Road, Willenhall, W13 2BG, 01902 633323.

OFFERS AROUND: **£62,500**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Delamere Road Willenhall



- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£139,950**  
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### Fenners Close Wolverhampton



- Extended, improved semi detached
- 4 bedrooms (master with shower cubicle)
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas central heating

OFFERS AROUND: **£169,995**  
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### Yale Road Willenhall



- 3 Bedroom Town-House
- Gas Central Heating
- Upvc Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£144,950**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Dilloways Lane Willenhall



- Semi detached
- 3 bedroom
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing

OFFERS AROUND: **£99,950**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Glebe Road Willenhall



- Well Presented Semi-Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Majority Upvc Double Glazed

OFFERS AROUND: **£112,500**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Phoenix Rise Wednesbury **NEW**



- Fantastic Investment Opportunity
- 1 Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND: **£49,995**  
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

### Taryn Drive Wednesbury



- 4 Bedroom Detached Home
- Located in a Quiet Cul-de-sac Location
- No Upward Chain!
- Gas Central Heating

OFFERS AROUND: **£199,995**  
Viewing: 0121 505 3533

### Victoria Street Willenhall



- Period Terrace House
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Deceptively Spacious
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£85,000**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Moxhull Close Willenhall



- Well Presented Terrace House
- 3 Bedrooms
- Upvc Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS AROUND: **£89,950**  
Viewing: 01902 633323

### Herberts Park Road Darlaston



- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Double Glazed (as specified)
- No Upward Chain!
- Reception Hall

OFFERS AROUND: **£54,950**  
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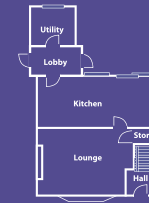


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**£750 PCM**



**REDUCED**

**Great Wryley  
Long Lane**

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom with shower cubicle
- Block Paved Front Driveway
- Sorry No DHSS

**£695 PCM**



**Aldridge  
Old Hall Court**

- Two Bed Barn Conversion
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry No DHSS

**£650 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Woodbridge Close**  
● Two Bedroom Bungalow  
● Lounge/Dining Room  
● Fitted Kitchen ● Wet Room/Bathroom  
● Garden ● Off Road Parking  
● Garage ● Sorry No DHSS or Pets

**£650 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Croxdene Avenue**  
● Three Bedroom Semi  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Bathroom with Separate Shower  
● Front & Rear Gardens  
● Off Road Parking ● Sorry No DHSS

**£570 PCM**



**Walsall  
Pommel Close**  
● Three Bed Link Detached  
● Lounge ● Garage ● Utility  
● Kitchen/Diner ● Bathroom  
● Front & Rear Garden  
● Sorry No DHSS

**£550 PCM**



**Willenhall  
Pooles Lane**  
● Three Bedroom Semi Detached  
● Entrance Hall ● Lounge ● Kitchen  
● Bathroom ● Sun Room ● Upstairs  
● Garden ● Off Road Parking  
● Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

**£550 PCM**



**Walsall  
Edinburgh Lane, Cavendish Park**  
● Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Furnished ● Lounge ● Family Bathroom  
● Garden ● D. Glazing/Central Heating  
● Off Road Parking  
● Sorry No Dhss, Pets or Smokers

**£525 PCM**



**Walsall  
Primley Avenue**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge ● Dining Room ● Kitchen  
● Bathroom ● Downstairs W.C. ● Garage  
● Gas Central Heating ● Double Glazing  
● Off Road Parking ● DHSS Accepted

**£495 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Nursery Road**  
● Three Bedrooms Semi  
● Lounge ● Kitchen ● Family Bathroom  
● Downstairs W.C.  
● Front and Rear Gardens  
● Off Road Parking ● DHSS Accepted

**£475 PCM**



**Walsall  
Smiths Flour Mill**

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Secure Entrance
- Sorry No DHSS

**£475 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Bloxwich Road**  
● Two Bed End Terrace  
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen  
● Two Bathrooms ● Double Glazing  
● Heating ● Rear Garden  
● Off Road Parking ● DHSS Accepted

**£450 PCM**



**Rushall  
Yemscroft, Lichfield Road**  
● Two Bed Top Floor Flat  
● Lounge  
● Bathroom  
● Kitchen with Appliances  
● Sorry No DHSS, Smokers or Pets

**£450 PCM**



**Blakenhall Heath  
Church Walk, Parish Court**  
● Two Bedroom Apartments  
● Part Furnished ● Double Glazing  
● Gas Central Heating ● Secure Entrance  
● Off Road Parking ● DHSS Accepted

**£450 PCM**



**Walsall  
Old Peck Road**  
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen  
● Downstairs W.C. ● Family Bathroom  
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

**£450 PCM**



**Walsall  
Ashdown Grove, Deermead Court**  
● Two Bedroom Apartment  
● Lounge ● Kitchen  
● Bathroom ● Gas Central Heating  
● Double Glazing ● Allocated Parking  
● Communal Grounds ● Sorry No DHSS

**£440 PCM**



**Walsall  
Manorhouse Close**

- One & Two Bed Apartments
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing & Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

**From £435 PCM**



**Walker Road  
Blakenhall Heath & Guild Court**

- Two Bedroom Apartments
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- DHSS Accepted

**From £425 PCM**



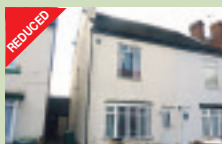
**Walsall  
Wolverhampton Road**  
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen ● Ground Floor Bathroom  
● Rear Garden ● Double Glazing  
● Gas Central Heating ● DHSS Accepted

**£425 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Marton Court**  
● One & Two Bed Apartments  
● Fitted Kitchen ● Bathroom  
● Lounge ● Double Glazing  
● Electric Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

**From £400 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Beatrice Street**  
● Two Bedroom Semi-Detached  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Family Bathroom  
● Front & Rear Gardens  
● DHSS Accepted

**£400 PCM**



**Walsall  
Kingsley Street**  
● Two Bedroom Terrace  
● Two Reception Rooms  
● Kitchen ● Bathroom ● Downstairs W.C.  
● Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating  
● DHSS Accepted

**£400 PCM**



**Willenhall  
Taverners Close**  
● One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat  
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen  
● Bathroom ● Off Road Parking  
● Gas Central Heating  
● Double Glazing ● DHSS Accepted

**£395 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
Harrison Street**  
● One & Two Bedroom Flats  
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen  
● Double Glazing  
● Electric heating ● DHSS Accepted  
● ONLY 1 MONTHS RENT HAS DEPOSIT

**From £350 PCM**



**Walsall  
Bloxwich Road**

- One & Two Bedroom Flats
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted

**From 350 PCM**



**Bloxwich  
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● Kitchen  
● Bathroom  
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● Family bathroom ● Driveway ● Garage  
● Rear garden  
Offers around £239,950

**NEW NEW NEW NEW**

**GROUND FLOOR FLAT**  
**JESSON CLOSE, BIRMINGHAM ROAD**  
● Two bed ground floor flat ● Overlooking communal gardens ● Gas CH & DG ● Hall ● Lounge/Dining Room ● Spacious fitted Kitchen ● Bathroom ● gated entrance with parking ● Garage  
Offers around £137,500

**NEW NEW NEW NEW**

**ROCHESTER CROFT, REEDSWOOD**  
● Well presented modern two bed semi  
● Gas CH & DG ● Spacious Lounge/Dining Room ● Fitted Kitchen ● Upstairs Bathroom  
● Front and rear gardens ● Driveway  
Offers around £107,500

**NEW NEW NEW NEW**

**REDHOUSE STREET, WALSALL**  
● Lounge ● Kitchen/Dining Room  
● Downstairs Shower Room ● Yard  
● Rear garden  
Offers around £84,950

**NEW NEW NEW NEW**

**GRANGE CRESCENT, SHELFIELD**  
● Well presented two bed semi  
● Gas CH and DG ● Lounge/dining room  
● Fitted kitchen ● Downstairs wc  
● Upstairs bathroom  
● Front and rear gardens ● Driveway  
Offers around £109,950

**NEW NEW NEW NEW**

**WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, WALSALL**  
● Well presented three bedroom mid-terrace  
● Electric heating & mostly double glazing  
● Two Reception ● Good sized fitted Kitchen  
● Downstairs Bathroom ● Three Bedrooms  
● Box Room ● Yard ● Rear garden  
Offers around £79,950

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<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Burnsips Road, Essington,</b> ● Unique 4 Bed Detached ● Set in App. 2 Acres ● Stables & Barns ● Heated Indoor Pool <b>£725,000 ONO</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Ampleforth Drive, Willenhall,</b> ● Four Bed Detached ● Spacious Kitchen ● Two Reception ● Conservatory <b>£209,995 ONO</b>	<b>NEW</b>  <b>Kingfisher Gr, Coppice Farm,</b> ● 3 Bed Detached ● Fitted Kitchen ● Conservatory ● Modern Bathroom <b>£160,000 O.I.R.O</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Blenheim Road, Willenhall,</b> ● 3 Bed Detached Semi ● Fitted Kitchen ● Feature Lounge/Diner ● Potential Annex <b>£156,995 O.N.O</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Woodside Way, Short Heath,</b> ● Extended 4 Bed Semi ● Fitted Kitchen ● Two Reception Rooms ● Two Heating D/Glazing <b>£154,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Kestrel Way, Cheslyn Hay,</b> ● Large Two Bed Semi ● Two Reception ● Modern Fitted Kitchen ● Conservatory <b>£152,250</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Watkins Rd, Willenhall,</b> ● 4 Bed Semi ● Extended ● Dining Kitchen ● Large Lounge <b>£145,000 ONO</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>High Street, Cheslyn Hay,</b> ● Three Bed Semi ● Fully Refurbished ● Sought After Location ● Viewing Essential <b>£145,000 ONO</b>
<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Radstock Road, Willenhall,</b> ● 3 Bed Semi Detached ● Two Reception Rooms ● Modern Fitted Kitchen ● New Garden/Drivage <b>£144,995 ONO</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Oakridge Drive, Cheslyn Hay</b> ● Two Bed End Terrace ● Modern Kitchen ● Conservatory ● Large Corner Plot <b>£129,995</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Kenilworth Crescent, Walsall,</b> ● Modern 3 Bed-Semi ● Conservatory ● Detached Garage ● STAMP DUTY PAID★ <b>£129,995 ONO</b>	<b>NEW</b>  <b>Fawley Close, Willenhall,</b> ● Two Bed Semi ● Modern Fitted Kitchen ● Fitted Bathroom ● D/Glazing/Chimney <b>£118,500 ONO</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Inchlagan Rd, Wolverhampton,</b> ● Modern 3 Bed Semi ● New Fitted Kitchen ● Modern Fitted Bathroom ● Chalk Garden <b>£100,000 offers over</b>	<b>NEW</b>  <b>Rudge Close, Willenhall,</b> ● 3 Bed End Terrace ● Modern Fitted Kitchen ● INVESTMENT ONLY ● PROPERTY IS TENANTED <b>£89,995 O.I.R.O</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Lambeth Road, Bilston,</b> ● 3 Bed Mid Terrace ● Downstairs W.C. ● C/Heating & D/Glazing ● Large Garden <b>£84,995 ONO</b>	<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Remington Road, Beechdale,</b> ● Three Bed Mid Terrace ● Two Reception Rooms ● New Kitchen ● D/Glazing/Chimney <b>£84,995 ONO</b>
<b>FOR SALE</b>  <b>Station Street, Wednesbury,</b> ● Two Bed Terrace ● Fitted Kitchen ● Fitted Bathroom ● D/Glazing/Chimney <b>£81,995</b>	<b>REDUCED</b>  <b>Stringers Lane, Willenhall,</b> ● Freehold Industrial Unit For Sale To Let (Rent £3000 Per Annum) ● 3225 Sq Ft 2 Minutes From The New Morrison's Store In A Regeneration Area. The Unit Is On 2 Floors Including Large Showroom Offices. Business Not Affected <b>£79,995 ONO</b>	<b>NEW</b>  <b>Ernest Clarke Close, Willenhall,</b> ● Two Bed Flat ● Lounge/Diner ● Fitted Kitchen ● D/Glazing/Chimney <b>£59,995 ONO</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>Wolverhampton Road, Essington,</b> ● Large Three Bed Terrace ● Large Fitted Kitchen ● Family Bathroom ● En Suite <b>£550 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>Deans Rd, Wolverhampton,</b> ● Three Bed Semi ● Lounge/Diner ● Fitted Kitchen ● Fitted Bathroom ● Bathroom With Shower <b>£525 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>Reservoir St, Walsall,</b> ● Two Bed Semi ● Extended/Ally ● D/Glazing/Chimney ● Off Road Parking <b>£540 PCM</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>Greadier Street, Willenhall,</b> ● 3 Bed Detached ● Modern Fitted Kitchen ● Good Size Lounge ● Modern Fitted Bathroom <b>£575</b>	<b>TO LET</b>  <b>Churchill Road, Bentley,</b> ● 3 Bed Semi ● Large Lounge ● D/Glazing/Chimney ● Garage <b>£525 PCM</b>

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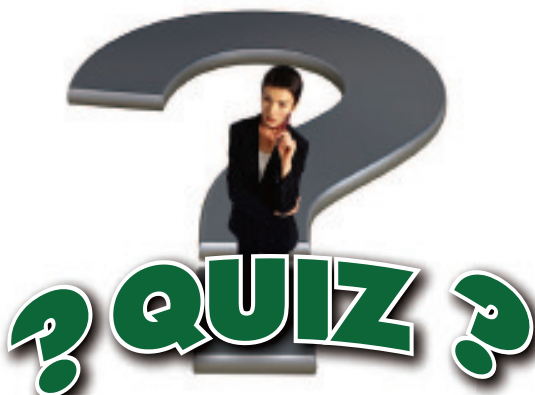
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GLAMIS ROAD, SHORT HEATH

- Three Bedroomed Detached House
- Double Glazing and Central Heating
- Guest W.C.
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room
- Conservatory
- Side Garage

OFFERS £169,950



LICHFIELD ROAD, NEW INVENTION

- Three Bedroomed Semi
- Central Heating & Double Glazing Throughout
- Front Lounge with Feature Fireplace
- Dining Kitchen
- Side Garage
- Internal Inspection Recommended

OFFERS £125,000



COLTHAM ROAD, SHORT HEATH

- Three Bedroomed Semi-Detached
- Larger than Average Corner Plot
- Potential for Expansion
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Two reception rooms
- Detached Garage

OFFERS £114,950



LICHFIELD ROAD, WILLENHALL

- Three Bed Semi
- Deceptively Spacious
- Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Spacious Lounge & Dining Room
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room with W.C.

OFFERS £114,950



BLOXWICH ROAD SOUTH, WILLENHALL

- Three bedroomed end terrace
- Deceptively spacious
- Two reception rooms
- Spacious kitchen
- Utility room
- Extensive double glazing and central heating

OFFERS £84,950



COTSWOLD GROVE, COPPICE FARM, WILLENHALL

- Contact us for more details about shared ownership
- Over 55's ground floor apartment
- One bedroom
- Electric storage heaters and Double glazing
- Attractive communal gardens
- Communal parking

OFFERS £54,950 for a 70% share



POUK HILL CLOSE, WALSALL

- ★ Extended Semi-Detached
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge & Sitting Room
- ★ Kitchen & Dining Room
- ★ Driveway & Garage
- ★ GCH & DG

£575pcm



CORONATION ROAD, GREAT BARR

- ★ Semi-Detached Property
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge & Bathroom
- ★ Kitchen/Diner
- ★ Garden
- ★ DG & GCH

£535pcm



BEECHWOOD AVENUE, WEDNESFIELD

- ★ Semi-Detached
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ Kitchen/Dining Room
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Gardens
- ★ GCH
- ★ UPVC DG

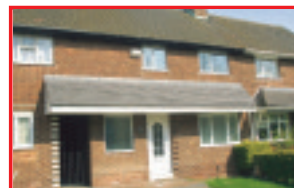
£475pcm



COXMOOR CLOSE, BLOXWICH

- ★ Modern Townhouse
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Lounge & Dining Room
- ★ Kitchen & Bathroom
- ★ Conservatory & Parking Space
- ★ DG & GCH

£525pcm



HOUGH ROAD, WALSALL

- ★ Mid Terrace Property
- ★ Two Bedrooms
- ★ Through Lounge / Diner
- ★ Kitchen
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ UPVC Double Glazing

£460pcm



GRAND JUNCTION WAY, TAMEBRIDGE

- ★ Two bedroom end townhouse
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen/Breakfast room
- ★ GCH/DG
- ★ Gardens & allocated parking
- ★ No DSS, No Children, No Pets, No Smokers

£450pcm



PARKLANDS GARDENS, WALSALL

- ★ Ground Floor Flat
- ★ Kitchen & Lounge
- ★ Bathroom & Bedroom
- ★ Garage
- ★ Underfloor Heating & DG
- ★ One Bedroom

£435pcm

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CHURCH STREET, DARLASTON

- ★ First Floor flat
- ★ One Bedroom
- ★ Hallway & Bathroom
- ★ Kitchen & Lounge
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ UPVC DG

£350pcm



TASKER STREET, WALSALL

- ★ First Floor Bedsit
- ★ Lounge / Bedroom
- ★ Dining Kitchen
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Electric Heating
- ★ Close to Town Centre

£225pcm

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### WILLENHALL HARLECH ROAD

- \* Extended semi-detached property in popular location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Double glazing
- \* Lounge and dining/ sitting room
- \* Wet room/shower room
- \* Upstairs bathroom with shower
- \* Garage, carport and block paved driveway

**£130,000 OFFERS NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL CHESTER CLOSE

- \* Extended traditional style bungalow
- \* Cal-de-sac position
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Pleasant rear garden
- \* Majority double glazed windows
- \* Spacious 37ft extended lounge/dining room
- \* Pleasant rear garden

**£125,000 OFFERS NO CHAIN**



### ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE

- \* An appealing traditional style bungalow
- \* Popular and much requested location
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Excellent potential to extend (subject to planning reqs)
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Upstairs refitted bathroom with shower
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Part double glazing
- \* Two garages
- \* Viewers are essential

**£279,950**



### COPPICE FARM GREEN MEADOW ROAD

- \* Splendidly appointed, extended, modern style detached residence
- \* Corner plot position
- \* Four bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Superb well equipped breakfast kitchen
- \* Utility room and downstairs guest cloakroom
- \* Lovely established rear garden
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows

**£230,000 OFFERS**



### BLOXWICH CHANTRY AVENUE

- \* Extended and improved traditional style semi
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Superb UPVC conservatory
- \* Extended and improved traditional style semi
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Lovely established rear garden
- \* Black paved driveway

**£110,000 OFFERS VIEWING ESSENTIAL**



### WALSALL HADLEY WAY, BEECHDALE ESTATE

- \* Much improved three bedroom semi
- \* Superb fitted dining kitchen inc oven and hob
- \* 15ft front lounge with feature fireplace
- \* Ideal first time purchase
- \* Smart fitted bathroom with shower
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Ideal first time purchase

**£88,000 OFFERS VIEWING ESSENTIAL**



### WALSALL ROWAN ROAD, THE DELVES

- \* Superbly appointed traditional style bungalow
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Double garage and carport
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows

**£225,000 NO CHAIN**



### SHORT HEATH WESLEY ROAD

- \* Deceptively spacious extended detached property
- \* Four bedrooms
- \* UPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Fitted kitchen inc double oven, hob and dishwasher
- \* Lovely established rear garden of generous size
- \* Concrete print driveway
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazing

**£179,950 OFFERS**



### NEW INVENTION ESSINGTON ROAD

- \* Superb modern style ground floor apartment
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* 14ft lounge
- \* Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
- \* Fitted bathroom with shower apartment
- \* Allocated parking space with side security gate
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Gas central heating

**£97,950 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL MILCOT DRIVE

- \* Well appointed extended four bedroom property
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Excellent refitted dining kitchen
- \* Utility room and downstairs WC
- \* Superb refitted bathroom with corner offset bath
- \* Garage and off road parking

**£159,950 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL MOUNT ROAD

- \* Pleasant three bedroom detached property
- \* Usually large corner plot position
- \* Potential to extend (subject to planning reqs)
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Double garage and carport
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows

**£167,500**



### WILLENHALL TEMPLE ROAD

- \* Spacious semi-detached property
- \* In need of some modernisation
- \* Excellent potential to improve
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas Central heating system
- \* UPVC single glazed windows
- \* Lounge and breakfast kitchen
- \* No upward chain

**£59,950 OFFERS**



### HADLEY HEATH, WILLENHALL PACKWOOD CLOSE

- \* Modern style semi detached property
- \* Attractively appointed accommodation
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Fully fitted refitted bathroom with shower
- \* 25ft side garage
- \* NO CHAIN

**WAS £139,950 NOW £138,000**



### WALSALL FLEMING PLACE

- \* Pleasantly appointed town house
- \* Cal-de-sac position
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* 18ft fitted dining kitchen with oven and hob
- \* Upstairs fitted bathroom with shower
- \* Pleasant rear garden

**£88,995**



### BENTLEY POPLAR AVENUE

- \* Traditional style semi-detached property
- \* Thought ideal for first time purchasers
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* UPVC single glazed windows
- \* Upstairs bathroom with shower
- \* Spacious 21ft through lounge with corner offset bath
- \* Interest viewing recommended

**WAS £94,500 NOW £89,950**



### WILLENHALL FARMHOUSE ROAD, CORNER BENTLEY LANE

- \* Spacious modern style detached residence
- \* Pleasantly appointed accommodation
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Lounge and dining room
- \* Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Gas central heating, double glazed windows

**WAS £167,500 NOW £159,950**



### COPPICE FARM MILLBURY DRIVE

- \* Superbly appointed extended detached property
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* En-suite shower room
- \* Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- \* 16ft front lounge with feature fireplace
- \* Well equipped fitted dining kitchen with appliances
- \* 20ft double length garage
- \* Lovely enclosed garden with local fields to the side

**WAS £174,950 NOW £169,950**



### WILLENHALL PERTH ROAD, SUMMER HAYES ESTATE

- \* Pleasant link detached bungalow
- \* In cal-de-sac position
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* 18ft rear lounge
- \* Garage and off road parking
- \* Pleasant gardens to front and rear
- \* Interest viewing strongly recommended

**£139,950 NO CHAIN**



### COPPICE FARM BUTTERFIELD GROVE

- \* Excellent modern and town house style property
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Fitted bathroom with shower
- \* Side driveway providing ample parking
- \* Pleasant garden to front and rear

**Offers in excess of £125,000**



### WILLENHALL PRINCETHORPE ROAD

- \* Pleasantly appointed modern style town house
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Fitted kitchen inc oven and hob
- \* Upstairs fitted bathroom with separate shower cablo
- \* Downstairs guest cloakroom with WC
- \* Off road parking

**£139,950**



### SUMMER HAYES EDINBURGH DRIVE

- \* Pleasantly appointed modern style bungalow
- \* Extended to the side elevation
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- \* Extended fitted kitchen
- \* Extended bathroom with separate shower cablo

**£139,950 OFFERS**



### SHORTHEATH BLOXWICH ROAD NORTH

- \* Considerably improved traditional style detached bungalow
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Refitted kitchen with appliances
- \* Carpet and ample off road parking
- \* Gas central heating, No chain
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Internal viewing recommended

**£199,995**



### WILLENHALL HIGH ROAD

- \* Spacious modern style detached residence
- \* Four bedrooms
- \* En-suite shower room
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Lounge and separate dining room
- \* Fitted breakfast kitchen with selected appliances
- \* Black paved driveway
- \* Refitted bathroom

**£197,000 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL**



### WILLENHALL LISTER STREET

- \* Modern style semi detached property
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Master bedroom with en-suite
- \* Two first floor bedrooms and principal bedroom
- \* Fitted kitchen with appliances
- \* Garage and driveway

**£129,950 OFFERS NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL DOVEDALE AVENUE

- \* Traditional style semi detached property
- \* In need of some modernisation
- \* Excellent potential to improve
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Upstairs parking
- \* Pleasant rear garden
- \* Ideal first time purchase

**£110,000**



### WILLENHALL LONGWOOD RISE

- \* Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- \* Popular location off Stroud Avenue
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Superb refitted dining kitchen with appliances
- \* Fitted bathroom with shower
- \* Garage and ample parking
- \* Enclosed rear garden

**£134,950 NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL DURSLEY CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- \* Pleasantly appointed detached property
- \* Potential to extend (subject to planning reqs)
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Double length garage
- \* Internal viewing essential

**£149,950**



### COPPICE FARM ESTATE, WILLENHALL HEBDON GROVE

- \* Spacious modern style detached residence
- \* Four bedrooms
- \* En-suite shower room
- \* Lounge and dining room
- \* Conservatory
- \* Through reception hall
- \* Fitted breakfast kitchen with selected appliances
- \* Black paved driveway
- \* Refitted bathroom

**£210,000**



### WILLENHALL NEWLANDS CLOSE

- \* Pleasant first floor maisonette
- \* Popular and convenient location
- \* Cal-de-sac position
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* uPVC DG windows
- \* 13ft rear lounge
- \* Bathroom with shower
- \* Garage in block to the side

**£62,950**



### WILLENHALL FISHER STREET

- \* Pleasantly appointed and terraced property
- \* Convenient location near to Willenhall Town Centre
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Refitted kitchen including oven and hob
- \* Refitted bathroom with white suite
- \* Ideal first time purchase

**£79,995 NO CHAIN**



### WILLENHALL TEMPLE ROAD

- \* Pleasantly appointed Victorian style terrace
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Refitted shower room
- \* Fitted kitchen
- \* Enclosed rear garden

**£79,995 VIEWING ESSENTIAL**

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- Fairlaw Way, New Invention  
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 - Three Bedroom Semi ..... £525 pcm  
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 - Two Bed Apartment ..... £500 pcm  
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**Bealeys Lane**

**Bloxwich**

- Truly picturesque location, a beautifully presented detached home
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed
- Two separate reception rooms, 'I' shaped kitchen, utility
- Five excellent bedrooms, master having en-suite/WC
- Single car garage, driveway parking, mature gardens
- Brick built workshop, separate detached building
- Possible part exchange considered!!

**Offers In The Region Of £299,950**



**Coppice Farm Way**  
**Willenhall**

- A spacious well presented self contained first floor maisonette
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed
- Spacious lounge, fitted kitchen
- Two good sized bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Garage and driveway
- Viewing Essential

**Offers In The Region Of £109,950**



**Hollinwell Close**

**Turnberry**

- An immaculately presented modern detached house
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed
- Spacious front lounge, dining kitchen, utility room
- Four good sized bedrooms, master having en-suite/WC
- Single garage, block paved driveway with space to the side
- Secluded rear garden

**Offers In The Region Of £242,500**



**Nairn Road**  
**Turnberry**

- A pleasantly situated and improved semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Spacious front lounge, separate dining room
- Conservatory, fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Single car garage, driveway parking, front and rear gardens

**Offers In The Region Of £159,950**



**The Nook, Stafford Road**  
**Newtown**

- Situated on the Edge of Open Countryside
- Detached Dormer residence ideal for Extended Families to live under one roof
- Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Breakfast Kitchen, Guest Cloaks/WC, Conservatory, 4 Bedrooms on ground floor
- Family Bathroom/Shower/WC, First Floor Second Lounge
- Split level Master Bedroom/dressing room with Sharps furniture
- Second Bathroom/Shower/WC, Large Tandem Garage or Store
- Ample secure parking and landscaped setting

**Offers In The Region Of £499,950**



**Hall Lane**  
**Pelsall**

- Situated in this popular village location
- Impressively Improved & Deceptively Spacious
- Enclosed Paved, Traditional Entrance Hall
- Stairs with Galvalume Landing, Fitted Guest Cloaks
- Two Large Reception Rooms, Re-fitted Living/Dining/Bedroom Kitchen
- Utility Room, Spacious Conservatory & Excellent Bathroom
- Detached WC & additional Shower Room/WC
- Block Paved driveway with recently opened gates
- 2 car garage, Landscaped gardens to front and rear

**Offers in the Region of £335,000**



**Jacobs Hall Lane**  
**Great Wyrley**

- A stunningly spacious & immaculately presented detached house
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Three spacious reception rooms, extensively fitted kitchen, utility
- Five bedrooms, two with en-suite shower rooms
- Two car side by side garage
- Large block paved driveway, landscaped gardens

**Offers In The Region Of £399,995**



**Elms Lane**  
**Shareshill**

- A deceptive and beautifully presented detached bungalow
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Charming lounge, separate dining room
- Two well proportioned bedrooms, extended breakfast kitchen
- Conservatory, main bathroom/WC, additional shower room/WC
- Two spacious loft rooms providing living and storage space
- Single car garage, driveway and landscaped mature gardens
- Viewing Essential

**£239,950**



**Edinburgh Road**  
**Rushall**

- A conveniently situated modern family home
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed
- Through lounge/dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen, utility
- Three well proportioned bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Good sized garage with ample off road parking
- Well maintained fore and rear gardens
- Serious offers considered!!

**Offers In The Region Of £159,950**



**Wood Common Grange**  
**Pelsall**

- Well presented fairly sized detached house
- Fully double glazed accommodation
- Refitted breakfast kitchen
- Spacious lounge and dining area
- uPVC double glazed conservatory
- 4 bedrooms master having en-suite shower room/wc
- Integral arage, fore and rear gardens

**Offers in Excess of £214,950**



**Andrew drive**  
**Willenhall**

- A much improved & re-fitted semi-detached bungalow
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Detached garage
- Viewing Essential

**Offers In The Region Of £119,950**



**Sneyd Lane**  
**Bloxwich**

- A traditionally styled Edwardian semi detached house
- Gas central heating and PVCu double glazing
- Front lounge, rear dining room, fitted kitchen, utility area
- Re-fitted bathroom/shower/WC, Three bedrooms, en-suite/WC
- Off road driveway parking and large garden at rear
- Motivated Seller

**Offers In The Region Of £129,950**



**Sneyd Lane**  
**Bloxwich**

- Improved/refurbished traditional detached house
- 2 good sized reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms and spacious family bathroom/WC
- Loft room, single car garage
- Block paved driveway, Good sized rear garden

**Offers In The Region Of £169,950**



**Reedly Road**  
**Sneyd Park, Willenhall**

- An extended and much improved modern semi detached house
- Occupying a quiet yet convenient location on this ever popular estate
- Gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation
- Front lounge, rear dining kitchen (re-fitted), extended family room
- Three bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom/WC
- Carport, detached garage, enclosed rear garden
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- Spacious rear lounge, large breakfast room/kitchen
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**NEW** £575 pcm

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- Fitted kitchen
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- Double Glazing throughout
- 2 allocated parking spaces

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**St Clements lane**

- A modern 2 bed 2nd floor apartment
- Spacious living room
- Modern fitted kitchen / diner with cooker
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Double Glazing and Electric Heating
- Secure parking

**£450 pcm**

**St Clements Lane**

- A 1 bed 1st floor apartment
- Open planned lounge/kitchen
- 1 spacious reception room
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Double glazing throughout
- Secure allocated parking

**£450 pcm**

**Prince Street**

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- A traditional 3 bed semi detached
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- Upstairs family bathroom
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- Rear garden and DSS accepted

**£525 pcm**

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- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
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**Lichfield Road**

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**£330 pcm**

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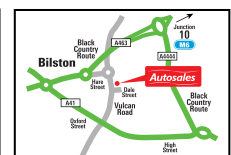
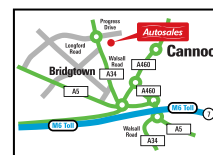
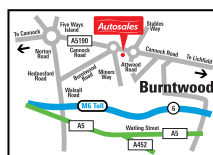


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# Enjoy some Mii time with new compact Seat

MEET the Seat Mii – pronounced 'me' rather than 'my-ee' or 'me-eye'. It's Seat's new city car that it's touting as a perfect runabout for young, sporty types who spend a lot of their driving time in town. Promising "compelling practicality", "exceptional driving fun" and "high efficiency", the Mii is Seat's answer to the Volkswagen Up!, and shares its basic platform.

At just more than 3.5 metres long it will be sold as a three-door to begin with, followed by a five-door version next year. At 854kg, the Mii is one of the lightest 'normal' cars on the road. Light weight helps efficiency, so the UK version of the Mii Ecomotive will have CO2 emissions of only 97g/km along with fuel economy of 67.3mpg.

Continental Europe, however, will get a special variant with just 86g/km of CO2, which is only 1g worse than the current best for an internal combustion-engined car, set by the Kia Rio 1.1-litre diesel.

It's a shame Seat has no plans to make a right-hand-drive version of the lesser-emissions model. But Seat has fair reason to hold off when it will already have a Mii in this country that benefits from free road tax by being under the 100g/km barrier.

There will be two petrol engines, with 59bhp and 74bhp. Technological highlights aimed at the young audience Seat wants to capture include the Seat Portable System.

Hardly a catchy name, but the removable five-inch screen can be used as a satnav when you're on foot as well as in the car, and it has full integration into the car's phone and audio systems.



## John Cooper Coupe is Mini fleet's flagship

IN THE space of a decade, BMW has achieved something many thought impossible.

Since 2001 its Mini range has clocked up two million sales and is available in 90 markets around the world. Not bad for something cynics thought would be a fashion flash in the pan.

Part of that success can be attributed to the regular introduction of new bodystyles. The original three-door hatch spawned a convertible, then a 'mini' estate and more recently a full four-seat compact SUV, the Countryman.

You can now add a two-seat coupe to the list, a variant Mini executives hope will attract buyers seeking a more focused and sporty experience.

Its arrival also positions the Coupe alongside the likes of Peugeot's popular RCZ coupe, a car that's done wonders for its maker's image.

The Mini Coupe performs its duties as a halo model for the rest of the range with aplomb. Its heavily raked windscreen and low-slung profile is the most dramatic look yet for a Mini.

Although dimensions are identical to the hatch, the Coupe's height is 29mm lower. And, thanks to its equally rakish rear screen, you're left in no doubt that the Coupe is a strict two-seater.

Fear not on the practicality front, though. With a hatchback tailgate that opens to reveal a maximum volume of 280 litres plus a through-load slot into the cabin, it's on par with the estate-like Clubman. Up front there's the usual oddment spaces you'll find in any Mini.

Along with its looks, the Mini Coupe has been

designed to behave a little different on the road.

With its firmer suspension set up, the Coupe has been designed to deliver a more focused experience for the keen driver. As such, there's noticeably less roll through corners and there's a greater willingness to change direction.

### Character

Thankfully such changes haven't resulted in a reduction in the quality of the car's ride.

Yes, it's a bit stiffer than a regular three-door hatch, but you get to keep your fillings at the end of a journey.

The trade-off is a more chuckable and engaging drive, which is what you'd expect from a two-seat coupe.

Reinforcing the car's sporty character is an engine line-up comprised of Mini's more powerful diesel and petrol units.

There's no One or One D here, as the Coupe range starts with the familiar Cooper badge and its 122 horsepower offering.

The Cooper S shares the Cooper's 1.6 petrol unit but adds a turbo to produce 164 horsepower, while the John Cooper Works variant's output from the same motor is a heady 211 horsepower.

Diesel fans can opt for the Cooper SD, which has a 2.0-litre turbo unit outputting 143 horsepower. It also offers the lowest emissions and economy performance – 114g/km and 65.7mpg respectively.

But which is the best in the real world? All the engines have proven themselves in other Mini variants, most recently the diesel in hatch, convertible and Countryman models.

There's no question that the combination of wallet-friendly economy, 143 horsepower and a substantial 225lb/ft torque make for relaxed yet brisk performance.



The new Seat Mii benefits from free road tax in Britain as it comes under the 100g/km barrier

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The new Aveo, which Chevrolet says takes its style from iconic models like the Camaro and Corvette

The all-new Chevrolet Aveo is set to arrive in showrooms next January, with prices starting at £9,995 for the 1.2 LS model.

With its dramatic sculpted front end styling and imposing wedge-shaped profile, the new Aveo brings a sharp, edgy feel to the supermini segment.

"Much like we did with the Spark, we wanted to take the image of small cars away from being cute and cuddly," said Chevrolet UK Managing Director Mark Terry. "Instead, we've delivered a car that's striking, bold and has attitude. It draws on our iconic models, such as the Camaro and Corvette, for its styling influence, with cues such as the distinctive round headlights and dual-cockpit interior giving it a lot more personality than you'd normally find in this sector of the market."

Even in basic trim, the Aveo gets features such as remote locking, a rear spoiler, CD-stereo radio, electrically adjustable heated door mirrors and electric front windows.

The mid-range LT model adds more luxury features – 15-

inch alloy wheels, steering wheel audio controls, air conditioning, a four-way adjustable driver's seat, sunglasses holder, a Driver Information Centre, Bluetooth compatibility, and a chrome gear knob surround, yet is priced from a very competitive £10,995 on-the-road.

The top specification LTZ variant has features normally reserved for bigger and much more expensive cars, including a leather steering wheel, front fog lamps, rear parking sensors and automatic headlights. Prices for the LTZ start at £12,195.

### Technical

Four engines will be available from launch – a 1.2-litre petrol unit developing 86PS, a 1.4-litre petrol engine with 101PS or two 1.3-litre diesels, with power outputs of either 75 or 95PS. All come with a five-speed manual gearbox as standard, while the 1.4-litre models have the option of a six-speed automatic. Full technical specifications and equipment levels will be confirmed ahead of the car's showroom debut in January 2012.

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# Nissan's back-room boys show off a sharp portfolio

By Chris Lilly

THE Nissan Charged Tour was a real showcase for engineering prowess.

The guys in the Japanese firm's engine department have really been earning their wages recently.

The headline offering at the tour was, surprisingly, the new Micra DIG-S. The last part of the model name is the key to that as it becomes the Micra's flagship engine.

Nissan has placed a 1.2-litre powerplant up front and supercharged it. Not in the name of performance – that's a happy bonus. Thanks to supercharging and efficiency-biased technologies, the Micra DIG-S has almost 100bhp, a 0-62mph time of 11.3 seconds yet 63mpg on the combined cycle and emissions below the key 100g/km mark, so you don't have to pay road tax to drive a nippy city car.

The ride and handling are set up for town driving but Nissan would have made a mistake had it tried to make the DIG-S a hot hatch. The Micra has a decent amount of grunt but isn't sporty, which means it will cope with potholes and speed bumps. The steering is light and accurate and good all-round visibility makes parking nice and simple.

The excellent engine is the main feature. It pulls well when needed but will run about town in low revs easily, conserving petrol. It is one of the best in the supermini class. To put it into perspective, the emission and fuel figures are close to matching the diesels, with better performance and it has made a good all-round small car even better.

Almost overshadowing the Micra DIG-S was the Leaf.

Nissan's all-electric family car. No fuel is burnt under the bonnet and no emissions leave the exhaust pipe either – partly because there is no exhaust pipe.

The Leaf is, electric considerations aside, a good family car. There's plenty of space for four adults with good boot space, though that's to be expected with the Mégane-style, big-bum boot. One thing that must be considered is the rear footwell. Because the batteries fit under the floor, it's shallow and gives little space for toes under the front seats. Otherwise, legroom is good in a stylish and practical cabin. The cream interior adds to the light and airy feel and the dark centre console is a practical information centre. There is so much information from the dashboard that it really helps maximise the amount of power you can get from the Leaf's batteries.

There are a number of different systems to extract precious miles. The gauge above the speedometer shows how much power you're using and works in reverse, showing energy recouped and you quickly work out the best way to make the most of the energy-saving systems. The best way to save is to avoid the open road. Staying at constant speed and revs gives little or no chance to regain energy as there are few opportunities to brake. The other way is to put the gearbox into eco-mode, which limits power used, and use the normal mode like a supercharger you turn on and off when you want acceleration. When you put your foot down, you see the electric motor's party trick – a lot of torque instantly available for pleasantly surprising acceleration. It helps make the Leaf a viable, if initially pricey, alternative if you rarely go more than 80 miles or so per trip.

Talking of surprising acceleration brings me to the Juke DIG-T. The turbocharged engine in this small SUV makes the Juke seem like a hot hatch. More surprising is that Nissan has designed the handling to match the performance.

The 1.6-litre turbo engine gives an acceleration figure of eight seconds from 0-62mph and the handling suits the engine's responsiveness with impressive grip and even more impressive lack of body roll.

If you want performance, the most startling engine of all the cars on test was squeezed under the bonnet of the Nissan GT-R – a superb piece of engineering.

The twin-turbocharged V8 produces a massive 523bhp which offers simply stunning acceleration. Every time you decide to accelerate hard, you feel yourself hanging on tightly, and grinning madly before you realise the speed limit is rapidly approaching and you back off very quickly.

In short, Nissan's engineers are pulling out all the stops in every department – from eco-friendly family models to all-out supercars through the more difficult challenges of combining efficiency with performance.

And on this evidence, the Japanese manufacturer is setting itself up nicely for the future.



Standing out for performance is Nissan's GT-R – a superb piece of engineering



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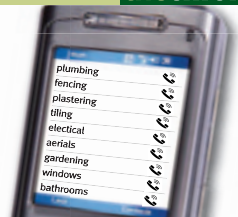
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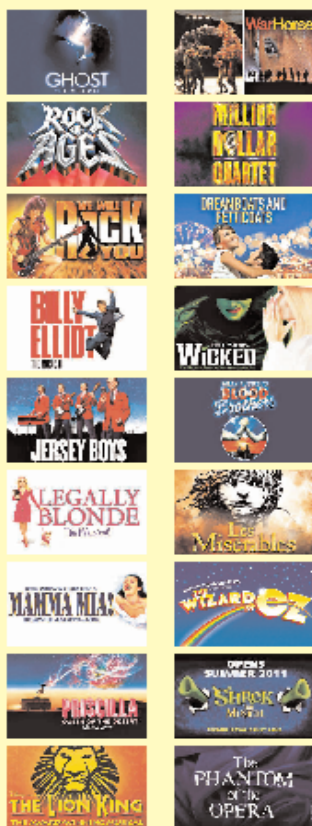
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# Six of the best from Bloxwich women

**UTTOXETER 2ND XI 1 BLOXWICH 1ST XI 6**  
BLOXWICH Ladies got off to a great start, with Deb Stow scoring two early goals after some excellent team hockey.

The visitors continued to press Uttoxeter, forcing own goals by Jo Field and Beth Pearson.

The first half was all Bloxwich as players worked hard for each other creating a number of opportunities for many players to add their names to the score sheet.

Bloxwich goalkeeper Zoe Webb made some important saves to keep a clean sheet at half time when Uttoxeter made the odd break forward.

## Lapsed

After half time Bloxwich came out pumped and ready and to score more goals - this showed early into the second half when Jo Field once again put the ball into the back of her own net.

This was shortly followed by a Hayley Scott adding her name to the score sheet with a perfectly executed short corner.

As Bloxwich continued to press forward the home side managed to scrape a goal in the dying moments of the game when Bloxwich's concentration lapsed slightly.

But a 6-1 win to Bloxwich meant an important three points in the league.

Scorers for Bloxwich Ladies were Deb Stow (2), Jo Field (2), Beth Pearson and Hayley Scott.

# Shocker at home for club's 1st XI

**BLOXWICH 1 WEDNESBURY 5**  
THIS was a major loss at home to a team Bloxwich 1st XI men should be beating if they wish to stay in this hockey division, writes David Symonds.

Bloxwich started the game quite well with some nice passing and moving and took the lead with Adam Baldwin collecting his fifth goal of the season after concerted pressure on the Wednesday goal.

Shortly after the goal, though, things started to go wrong for Bloxwich.

Wednesday pulled a goal back just before half time, and the second half was a story of the home side being totally dominated.

## Artificial

Several mistakes allowed the visitors to take the lead, then when Kelton Scott was sin-binned Bloxwich struggled to withstand the pressure and Wednesday ran away with the game.

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# Billingham excels as Tigers triumph

**CRESSWELL TIGERS U-9 3 TIPTON TOWN U-9 1**

A SOLID display from the Tigers featured goals from Jake Percival, Myles Lowe and Jack Humphries.

Despite a consolation goal from Tipton Town, the Tigers were rarely troubled with Man of the Match Jimmy Bingham excelling in defence.

**BROWNHILLS COMMUNITY COLTS U-9 4**

WITH a fair share of the play, it was a case of missed chances that cost Tigers.

The Colts took their opportunities well in this disappointing result for the home side.

Tigers Man of the Match Joseph Maley never gave up.

# Aldridge disappointed

ALDRIDGE Rugby Club's fixture against Yardley & District last Saturday was cancelled.

Aldridge are back on Midlands 5 West North League duty this Saturday with and away trip to Bromyard, in Herefordshire.

# Taekwondo stars grab haul of gold

WALSALL Taekwondo Club returned from the Scottish Championships in Glasgow with a haul of medals.

Elliott Martin, Emily Shaw, Aadam Khan and instructor Emily-Jane Rowley all won gold in their individual sparring divisions.

## Lessons

Chief instructor Jason Rowley finished in bronze position in his sparring division and then Tahira and Aadam Khan won gold medals in their team sparring divisions.

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Back row, Shaan Patel, Emily-Jane Rowley, Elliott Martin, Jason Rowley, Tahira Khan; middle Emily Shaw and Jamie Patel; and Aadam Khan front

# NO SHAME AS WALSALL FALL IN TRIES BLITZ

THE final scoreline did not really reflect on a game that was always a close battle between two teams that were fully committed to an expansive style of rugby, writes Arnie Evans.

This was far from a one-sided affair and the visitors can feel rightly aggrieved to gain no league points from the contest.

Walsall scored two well-taken tries, but there were virtually at least another half dozen opportunities that could have easily ended with a score. Chris Mould, Andy Turner and Andy Fitzgerald were all stopped within inches of the Halesowen line. On other occasions Walsall players were guilty of failing to take the right option when close to scoring.

But the visitors can also, quite rightly, claim that on at least two occasions Old Hales were allowed to infringe to prevent a try being scored. Indeed, the referee only really began to effectively manage the breakdown area once Walsall were being illegally denied possession during the early stages of the second half.

Although the game flowed from end to end, the first score did not come until the 30th minute. A sweeping 60-metre attack by the hosts resulted in some quick possession at the breakdown and the ball was moved to prop forward Richard Taylor who scored near the posts, giving Hooper an easy conversion.

The full back was successful with three more kicks in the final six minutes of the half. They were all penalties that were awarded in the tackle area. The visitors could not complain at two decisions, but it seemed that they had legally gained possession for the final offence.

## Emphatic

A 16-0 half time deficit seemed daunting for the Delves Road outfit. But the team has to be commended for the positive attitude that they showed throughout the second half.

The first ten minutes of the half saw Walsall put relentless pressure on the Old Hales defence. They turned down kicking opportunities and chose to set up attacking positions at every opportunity. Eventually, the referee decided to issue his first yellow card – an action that was greeted by derisory cheers by the visiting supporters.

Walsall got a deserved reward after 12 minutes of the half, hooker Dan Clarke forcing his way over after a series of strong drives had brought play close to the hosts' line.

The visitors tried to repeat this style of play and were launching another attack from a quickly taken penalty, and although their opponents had failed to retreat, the referee allowed play to continue when the pass was intercepted, which resulted in Halesonian winger Luke Smith scoring under the posts. The hosts also got the next score, when Walsall failed to clear from defence. Hales moved the ball quickly and flanker Jordan supported well to cross for a try which Hooper also converted.

The game ended with two more scores in the last six minutes. A series of Walsall attacks resulted in winger Paul Naylor gathering a well-placed kick to cross near the corner. The visitors were pressing again when they

**HALESONIANS 35 WALSALL 10**

lost possession, and once again the hosts were keen to move the ball and they gained their bonus point try courtesy of lock forward Ed Parry.

This win sees Halesonians leapfrog Walsall and move into third position in Midlands One West.

Recently promoted Ludlow made their first ever visit to Delves Road this Saturday, and the hosts will be keen to bounce back after their recent defeat.

Another impressive win for Walsall United, the 2nd XV. They travelled to Kidderminster to play their A XV. This team contained several of their current first team players, but they could not contain a rampant Walsall side. They scored 12 tries in their 78-0 victory. Alex Greenslade, Harvey Wootton, James Hickman, and Jeff Williamson scored two each.

The other try scorers were Gavin Jones, Ian Bradshaw, Mike Benson and Andy Field. Field and Andy Hawkins also put over nine conversions. The team returns to league action this Saturday. They travel to face a strong Worcester Wanderers team.

Walsall 3rd XV continued their impressive start to the season, beating Bloxwich 2nds 86-7. Tries from Phil Stanley (3), Kevin Pitt (3), Jack Crowhurst (3). Two for Reg Smith and one each for Andy Pain, Calvin Hopkinson and Ben Pittaway. Crowhurst also kicked eight conversions.

Walsall Colts produced a superb performance on Saturday when they travelled to Stourbridge in the second round of the National Cup. They gained an emphatic 29-3 victory that now sees them face Moseley in the next round. Walsall made a terrific start, with Javan Jarrett running in a try after just two minutes.

Tarik Tin then crashed over from close range ten minutes later. Ben Tipson's conversions made it 12-0 before Stourbridge kicked a penalty just before half time. But Walsall still had time to get another score, when a sweeping attack saw Alex Hawthorne take a scoring pass from Ben Tipson.

Walsall used all of their squad during the second half, and it was pleasing to see the team continue to dictate the match. They scored another two tries through Ryan Doan and a second for Javan Jarrett. Tipson converted the latter to complete the scoring.

It's back to league action on Sunday when Wellesbourne visit Delves Road. Both teams are high in the North Midlands Colts league. And this promises to be intriguing.



No way through the Old Hales defence for Walsall full-back Roger Weston



Alex Hawthorne of Walsall Colts crashes over for a try against Stourbridge

# Lockmen undone by league's bottom team

**STUDLEY 1 WILLENHALL TOWN 0**

THE Lockmen replaced Studley at the foot of the Midland Alliance after defeat in an uninspiring game. Adam Swain and Tom Evans were both off target in the first 10 minutes as the visitors started brightly enough.

The returning Nathan Gough then set up Richard Gregory but he fired at the keeper. Home dangerman Jamie Bailey then saw his free-kick tipped over by Liam Flynn before the shot-stopper then stretched to keep another effort from the top right corner of his net.

As Studley took control, Flynn made a great save to deny Bailey before Tom Lacey fired high and wide shortly after.

## Clearance

Studley started the second half brighter and took the lead six minutes after the interval when Bailey took advantage of loose play and steamed towards goal before firing in an effort in at the near post past the exposed Flynn.

Tom Wright's goal-line clearance prevented a second Studley goal before Mike Williams shot at keeper Perry Cox just after the hour mark.

Gregory was then denied by Cox.

# Runaway leaders hammer four

**HUNTINGTON HARRIERS 0 CRESSWELL WANDERERS U-13 4**

CRESSWELL were superb and played with reflection of their league position.

On a difficult pitch Wanderers still managed to play great football and took a 2-0 lead at half time through strikes from Jack Squire and Jack Dunn.

Determined to up the tempo Cresswell started to tick and were rewarded with a headed goal from

# Cup record equalled as slick Pics go through

**BARROW TOWN 0 RUSHALL OLYMPIC 3**

RUSHALL Olympic equalled their best-ever FA Cup run with a comfortable victory at East Midlands Counties League outfit Barrow Town, writes Darren Stockall.

Having emphatically accounted for Evo-Stik Premier Division rivals Mickleover Sports in the previous round, the in-form Pics did not take their lower league opponents lightly.

And they produced an extremely professional performance that ensured only a second appearance in the fourth qualifying round draw.

The visitors were first to threaten on seven minutes when a powerful header from skipper Adie Smith rattled the crossbar.

In the ninth minute, Olympic surged into a deserved lead as Luke Botometer chased down a ball heading towards the home keeper, causing Andrew Wilcox to hurry and miscue an attempted clearance directly to Matt Lewis.

The Pics' forward spotted the run of strike partner Ahmed Obeng on the right who advanced to drill home from the edge of the box.

Three minutes later, Town responded through Neil Stringfellow who could only stab the ball well wide after Christian Dacres had cleared a flag-kick from the left.

## Significant

With Rushall continuing to boss proceedings, Obeng let fly from fully 30 yards out in the 19th minute with a low drive that was well saved by Wilcox.

On 22 minutes, Town were on the offensive through Liam Fitzpatrick but the midfielder's low strike held by visiting keeper Chris Gemmell.

Olympic put themselves firmly in the driving seat when they doubled their advantage on the half-hour.

Obeng was about to fire goalwards from an acute angle when he was brought down by Wilcox and Mitchell Tolley stepped up to fire home the penalty.

The second goal gave the visitors a significant amount of breathing space and, within six minutes, they went close to claiming a third when another mistake by Wilcox cost his side dearly.

The shot-stopper made a complete hash of coming out of his area to make a straightforward clearance. He only succeeded in slipping and the ball fell nicely at the feet of Lewis, 40 yards out. Lewis instinctively whipped the return over the head of the keeper but, as the ball dropped on the edge of the six-yard box, it bounced narrowly over.

Any hope the hosts had of coming back effectively ended in first-half stoppage time when Fitzpatrick was shown a red card for an over-the-top challenge on Smith.

Nine minutes into the second half the Pics claimed a killer third goal.

An excellent free-kick from the left by Botometer found its way towards the waiting Obeng who unleashed a brilliant, first-time finish that flashed past keeper Wilcox from just inside the box.

Just prior to the hour mark, Sean Platt was fortunate to receive only a caution as Barrow's Craig Noble ended up needing treatment.

# Shout goes out for men in black

LEISURE Leagues – Europe's largest provider of five and six-a-side football – is looking to recruit a local referee to help its Walsall league go with a swing.

The firm is having to send referees from other areas to its Monday and Thursday league at the former Sneyd School and at the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall campus as a dearth of officials in the town hits hard.

Prospective whistle blowers who want more information can email info@leisureleagues.net or call 0845 230 2340.

Liam Pike and a stunner from Nathan Griffiths.

Ryan Brookes worked his socks off in a very unlucky performance, too many good performances to mention at but MOTM Tom Garratt produced a near perfect display of calm decision making and excellent technique that typified the team's current form.

Cresswell now lead Lichfield & District League Division 1 by five points.

# sport

## Funding setback for Darlaston Dart

OLYMPIC medallists Mark Lewis-Francis and Kelly Sotherton have lost their UK Athletics funding.

Birchfield Harrier Lewis-Francis, aged 29, – the Darlaston Dart – has dropped from top-level 'podium' funding to podium relay.

His greatest achievement at senior level has been to anchor the Great Britain and Northern

Ireland 4 x 100 metres relay team to a shock gold medal at the 2004 summer Olympics in Athens.

### Master

Individually, Lewis-Francis has won silver medal in the 100m at the 2010 European Athletics Championships, and numerous indoor medals.

Fellow-Harrier Sotherton, now

34, was third in the heptathlon in 2004, and is targeting a 400m place – but has lost her second-tier 'podium relay' funding.

Sotherton was in the British 4x400m relay team which took silver at the Europeans.

After learning of the funding news, Sotherton tweeted: "Nothing changes. Goals are still the same. I'm the master of my own destiny."



Sprinter Mark-Lewis Francis with his 2004 gold medal from Athens



It's an even contest as Anton Peterlin (right) competes for the ball



A Preston defender has Anton Peterlin by the shirt



Kevan Hurst battles his way through

## Woe for Wood in scruffy defeat

WALSALL-WOOD 0  
PILKINGTON-XXX 1

THE only goal summed up the whole match, a scuffed effort that hit the post and rolled slowly over the line to give the visitors three points that neither side deserved.

The goal came on 38 minutes. Scott Thomas collected a ball over the top and his shot was blocked at point-blank range by Adam Bradcock.

The ball bounced around the box and Sam Hawker's shot bobbled through a crowd of players, took a touch off the left hand post and rolled into the net.

### Unmarked

It took Wood until 50 minutes to get up a head of steam, keeping the visitors penned in their half.

However, all they had to show for it was a Chris Lewis drive. Two minutes later, a free-kick fell to Scott Cooper but his shot was deflected.

Pilks were happy to soak up pressure and then try to hit Wood on the break. It almost paid off on 60 minutes, Mitchell Thompson breaking from deep but, with players unmarked either side of him, he finished weakly.

Wood kept huffing and puffing, but couldn't find a way through.

## Gethin aiming to topple Pole

MARTIN Gethin returns to the ring on a hometown show at Walsall Town Hall next month.

Tivendale's Jason Welborn will top the bill on Friday, November 18, with a Midlands title shot.

Two-time English lightweight champion Gethin, who is in line for a British title challenge, will box Poland's Arek Malek after 19 months out of action, mainly due to a back injury.

The main event will see Welborn have a crack at Midlands welterweight champion Sean McKervey, dropping down from light middleweight to fight for his first title.

Stourbridge's Steven Pierce and Brierley Hill's Kyle Spencer, from Shaun Cooper's gym, complete the card.

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# MAESTRO ALEX'S GOAL CHALLENGE



Dave Martin is sent off by Mr Sheldrake

**M**ATCHWINNER Alex Nicholls revealed this week that crunch talks with Walsall boss Dean Smith handed him a career lifeline. The forward felt he might have to leave the Saddlers as this season has been the worst of his life.

He bagged the winner in Saturday's 1-0 victory over Preston North End – just his second start of the term – to score in successive games.

Nicholls said that talks with the manager, after he was left out of the squad for the 1-0 defeat at Colchester United last month, have saved him.

"I was disillusioned a month ago. I didn't know whether I was coming or going or what position I was going to be playing in.

"I sat down with the gaffer and told him how I felt and he told me honestly.

"Sometimes you need it to get it out in the open. I went through a spell where I was down, but I'm over it now."

His super strike ended the Saddlers' eight-game winless run, but the striker admitted he had considered a loan switch.

"It did (cross my mind) because for Colchester I wasn't even in the squad – and that hasn't happened since I was 18. That was an eye-opener for me."

The 23-year-old, the perennial Walsall bridesmaid, has potential but after six years and 182 appearances he must produce.

There have been glimpses – Saturday was one of those days – but Nicholls has never done enough to fully convince.

Two goals in two games and a handful of decent displays are a good start, though.

As Saddlers climbed to 15th spot with a narrow but satisfying victory – the first home win since August 6 on the first day of the season – manager Smith challenged Nicholls and the rest of the squad to live up to his expectations.

"We had a chat before the Preston



game and I said that organised teams in this league can win football games.

"I spoke about expectations and that they had been below my expectations, but there wasn't much they had to do to turn it around.

"Winning games is the way to do it and they put in a performance on Saturday to raise expectations again."

Smith added: "The performances have been coming and we've got better each game and it took a really determined effort to get the three points. It was a small step for us, but we need to make sure we move on from here again."

Smith was upset with Dave Martin's second-half red card after the Derby County loanee finished his Walsall spell on a sour note.

### Exceptional

"It was very harsh, he's made just two fouls all game and got two yellow cards," said Smith.

Manager Smith hasn't got Mary Poppins' bottomless bag from which to pull out players so he has to work with what he's got and they finally delivered the goods.

Prior to the arrival of the Lilywhites, the Saddlers, or certainly their fans, had started to look nervously over their shoulders.

Defeat would have left them in League One's bottom four, and psychologically it would have hurt.



Saddlers' matchwinner Alex Nicholls fends off a Clarke Carlisle challenge

The sour note was Dave Martin's harsh dismissal by Darren Sheldrake with 20 minutes to go. That it failed to shake the Saddlers spoke volumes.

They could have crumbled, but instead they dug deep and hit Preston on the break. The defence stood firm and the back four has never been an issue – they still have the best record in the bottom half.

The fact it was only their third shut-out of the season will rankle.

The exceptional Manny Smith and Andy Butler marshalled the Lan-

cashire side's Neil Mellor and Jamie Proctor, only allowing eight-goal Mellor one clean chance.

**Walsall:** Walker, Westlake, Butler, Smith, Sadler, Hurst (Gnapka 90), Chambers, Peterlin, Martin, Nicholls, Grigg (Taundry 72).

**Preston North End:** Turner, McLaughlin, Carlisle, McLean, Parry, Alexander (Gray 73), Ashbee (Mayor 46), Coutts; Nicholson, Mellor (Daley 46), Proctor.

Referee: Mr D Sheldrake (Surrey). Attendance: 4,834.

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